

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF MERRIMAC,
FOR THE



Year Ending January 31,
1905.

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CLIFTON B. HEATH, MANAGER.
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APPROPRIATIONS

For the Year Ending January 31, 1905.

Highways,	\$1,500 00	
Soldiers Relief,	500 00	
Support of Poor,	1,100 00	
Fire Department,	1,500 00	
Town Officers,	1,900 00	
Street Lights,	700 00	
Public Library,	500 00	
Interest,	350 00	
Sprinkling Macadam Road,	100 00	
Miscellaneous,	600 00	
Memorial Day,	75 00	
Sidewalks and Crossings,	200 00	
Superintendent of Schools	375 00	
Transportation of Scholars,	200 00	
General School Purposes,	8,425 00	
Fire Alarm and Engine House,	500 00	
Discount,	700 00	
	<hr/>	\$19,225 00

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

RALPH H. SARGENT, ALFRED M. COLBY,
WILLIAM O. SMILEY.

CLERK.

BAILEY SARGENT.

TREASURER.

CLIFTON B. HEATH.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

JOHN S. CLEMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

GILBERT G. DAVIS.

WATER COMMISSIONERS AND MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD.

WILLIAM L. SMART,	Term expires March 1905
FRANK E. PEASE,	“ “ “ 1906
EVERETT D. GEORGE,	“ “ “ 1907

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

CHARLES E. ROWELL, JAMES T. LOCKE,
FRANK F. PHILBRICK, BAILEY SARGENT.

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ANGUS McINNIS, JOHN W^M. BRADY,
LORENZO B. BLAISDELL,

TOWN OFFICERS.

CONSTABLES.

* ATWOOD S. NIXON, JOHN J. MINAHAN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

* SAMUEL D. ASHLEY,	Term expires March 1905
CHARLES A. LANCASTER,	“ “ “ 1906
FRED E. SWEETSIR,	“ “ “ 1907

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

JAMES F. PEASE,	Term expires March 1905
CHARLES W. SAWYER,	“ “ “ 1905
HERBERT O. DELANO,	“ “ “ 1906
GEORGE E. RICKER,	“ “ “ 1906
THOMAS H. HOYT,	“ “ “ 1907
WILLIAM B. SARGENT,	“ “ “ 1907

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

GEORGE G. LARKIN,	Term expires March 1905
CHARLES E. ROWELL,	“ “ “ 1906
CHARLES A. LANCASTER,	“ “ “ 1907

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD
AND BARK.

EDGAR P. SARGENT, JOHN J. WOODMAN,
CHARLES EMERY HOYT.

WEIGHERS OF COAL AND MEASURERS OF GRAIN.

BENJAMIN B. WOOD, WILLIAM H. EMERSON.

FENCE VIEWERS.

EDGAR P. SARGENT, WILLARD B. KELLY.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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FIELD DRIVERS.

HARRY W. HALE, EDSON C. WALKER.

TREE WARDEN.

GILBERT G. DAVIS.

AUDITOR.

HARLAND G. LITTLE.

POLICE.

* ATWOOD S. NIXON, CHIEF AND NIGHT WATCHMAN
JOHN J. MINAHAN, " " " "
FRED O. BAILEY, CLARENCE O. LIBBY,
JOHN W. J. GROGUT; SPECIALS.

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

JOHN J. WOODMAN.

FISH AND GAME WARDENS.

CLARENCE O. LIBBY, FRED O. BAILEY.

FIRE WARDENS.

GEORGE A. SARGENT, WILLARD B. KELLEY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

EDWARD WYMAN.

BURIAL AGENT.

CHARLES A. BRIDGES.

* Deceased.

SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

* S. D. ASHLEY, Chairman,	Term expires 1905
C. A. LANCASTER, Secretary,	“ “ 1906
F. E. SWEETSIR, Acting Chairman,	“ “ 1907

GEORGE E. CHICKERING,	SUPERINTENDENT
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TEACHERS.

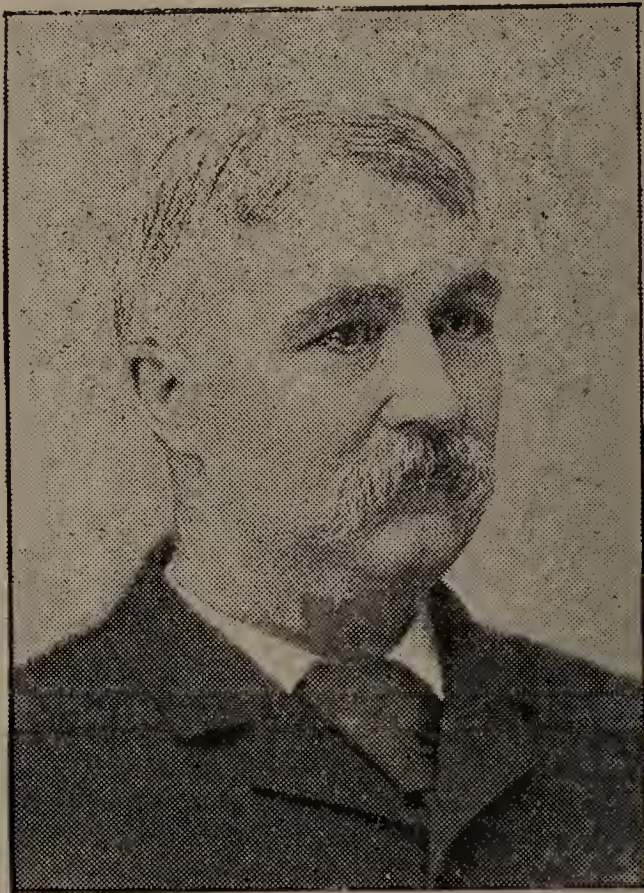
CHARLES W. CUTTS,	Principal High School
MITTIE A. DOW,	First Assistant High School
SUSANNA SAYRE,	Second Assistant High School
E. J. WHITTEMORE,	Principal Centre First Grammar
LILLA M. PHELPS,	Second Grammar
MARY H. HEAD,	Third Grammar
MARION W. SMITH,	Prospect St. Third Grammar
HATTIE A. BAXTER, } ETTA H. COLBY, }	Centre First Primary
SARA S. ALLEY,	Prospect St. Second Primary
S. BLANCHE CUNNINGHAM,	Middle St. Second Primary

MYRTLE B. COLSON, }	Merrimacport
ANNIE M. SARGENT, }	
GERTRUDE A. HAMLIN, }	Bear Hill
HATTIE A. BAXTER, }	
ANNIE L. HOSFORD,	Birch Meadow
M. EVA ROBINSON, }	Supervisor of Music
WILLIAM E. HARTWELL, }	
MAUD H. ROSE,	Supervisor of Drawing
ETTA H. COLBY,	Substitute
ELLEN GUNNISON,	Substitute

TRUANT OFFICER.

S. SCOFIELD.

* Deceased.



REV. SAMUEL D. ASHLEY

CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARD

BORN FEBRUARY 11, 1844.

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DIED OCTOBER 21, 1904.

Twenty-ninth Annual Report of the School Committee.

We hereby respectfully submit the annual report of the present year, together with that of the Superintendent which has been adopted.

At the March meeting F. E. Sweetsir was elected for three years, his term having expired.

The Board was at once organized with the late Rev. S. D. Ashley as chairman; C. A. Lancaster, secretary; and F. E. Sweetsir, purchasing agent.

In October, Mr. Ashley, who for many years had been in feeble health, was suddenly taken worse and after a very short confinement to the house passed away.

We have sadly missed his wise counsel and cheery presence in our last monthly meetings of the fiscal year. He took great interest in his School Committee duties, was always a genial, enthusiastic co-worker on the School Board, and in his death the town has lost one of its most valuable officers, and the Committee its chairman.

After a proper time several conferences were held with the Selectmen as regards calling a joint meeting of the Selectmen and School Committee, for the purpose of electing a member to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the fiscal year. However as the time was so short before the March meeting, it was decided that the two remaining members

should do the work and allow the place to remain vacant until that time when the voters should name their candidate.

At one meeting F. E. Sweetsir was elected as acting chairman for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Our district union with North Andover, Mr. George Chickering acting as Superintendent, was very satisfactory last year, and was renewed in April 1904.

During the past year several expensive repairs have been made. It was found that the Centre school house was leaking badly during heavy rains and that was shingled. Several new windows were also added to this building, the old sash being old and past repair.

The Port school building had not been painted for many years, and this received two coats of paint which were sadly needed and have greatly improved the appearance of the building.

At the High school much of the wood work and desks were varnished, and new pipes to the heater were put in as the old ones were badly rusted.

At the Plains school house a new stove was put into Miss Alley's room.

Another bill of expense this year was the insurance which came due on the school buildings, amounting to \$305.52.

At the beginning of the Fall term it was voted to distribute a percentage of the school fund among the older teachers, as this is one of the principal ways we are instructed to use a part of this fund.

On another page will be found a report of this fund and how each portion of it has been expended, and the balance left to the credit of the School Committee.

You will see that the Superintendent advises the transportation of the Birch Meadow children to the Centre school.

This has been the attitude of each and every committee since the question arose as far as the best interests of the scholars of this district are concerned.

We would recommend that the Highlands school house be sold if a purchaser can be found. For years this has been unoccupied for school purposes, and serves no purpose but a home for the squirrels and an eye-sore to the passers by, and there seems little likelihood at the present time of the building being used again for educational purposes.

We recommend that the town appropriate for the coming year the sum of \$9,000 for a superintendent, conveyance of pupils and general school purposes. This is the minimum amount we believe which the town should appropriate in order to obtain the state money for a superintendent.

F. E. SWEETSIR,	}	School Committee.
C. A. LANCASTER,		

SCHOOL FINANCIAL ACCOUNT.

George E. Chickering, Superintendent,	\$750 00
Charles W. Cutts, Principal High School,	1,200 00
Mittie A. Dow, First Assistant,	450 00
Susanna I. Sayre, Second Assistant,	400 00
E. J. Whittemore, Principal Centre First Grammar,	475 00
Lilla M. Phelps, Second Grammar,	403 75
Mary H. Head, Third Grammar,	403 75
Hattie A. Baxter, Centre First Primary,	190 00
Etta H. Colby, Centre First Primary,	190 00
Marion W. Smith, Prospect Street Third Grammar,	380 00
Sara S. Alley, Prospect St. Second Primary,	380 00
S. Blanche Cunningham, Middle St. Second Primary,	380 00
Annie M. Sargent, Merrimacport,	356 25
Gertrude A. Hamlin, Bear Hill,	166 25
Hattie A. Baxter, Bear Hill,	166 25
Annie L. Hosford, Birch Meadow,	285 00
M. Eva Robinson, music,	94 86
William E. Hartwell, music,	95 00
Maud H. Rose, drawing,	180 00
S. Scofield, janitor at Centre,	224 96
Frank Trefethen, janitor at Middle street,	225 00
Mrs. Edward Whaland, janitor at Prospect street,	76 00
Ellen M. Sargent, janitor at Port,	47 50
Annie L. Hosford, janitor at Birch Meadow,	28 50
C. B. Martin, janitor at Bear Hill,	38 00
G. G. Davis, conveyance of pupils,	174 98

Geo. P. Brown & Co., supplies,	\$1 25
Ginn & Co., supplies,	5 30
C. F. Winchester, supplies,	34 86
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	9 38
S. Scofield, bill for freight and trucking,	1 50
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies,	1 31
A. O. Nicol, wood,	4 00
Rand, McNally & Co., supplies,	8 45
Maynard, Merrill & Co., supplies,	10 00
Citizen Stamp Co., rubber stamp,	1 15
Sargent Coal Co., wood,	13 50
Milton, Bradley Co., supplies,	9 85
American Book Co., supplies,	12 66
Thompson, Brown & Co., supplies,	5 25
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies,	8 31
C. F. Winchester, supplies,	3 75
Ginn & Co., supplies,	8 83
American Book Co., supplies,	9 00
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1 79
Charles A. Lancaster, postage and stationery,	7 72
C. H. Hunt Pen Co., pens,	7 00
Merrimac Budget, printing,	22 05
Bailey Sargent, insurance,	29 16
Merrimac Budget, printing,	9 25
H. H. Story, telephone service and supplies,	1 59
F. H. Trefethen, labor and supplies,	15 50
Ginn & Co., supplies,	3 69
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	31 71
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	511 07
H. S. Cowell, graduation address,	15 00
C. W. Cutts, express and ribbon,	2 35
Howard & Brown, diplomas,	12 06
M. Eva Robinson, supplies,	6 81
Bailey Sargent, insurance,	59 94
Theodore Grant, labor,	8 00
W. W. Lydston, labor and supplies,	88 11
S. Scofield, cleaning school rooms and miscellaneous bills,	46 80
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	8 19
Charles A. Stevens, cleaning vaults and labor,	16 40

Carl F. Lockwood, cleaning Birch Meadow school house,	\$3 00
Mary F. Hudson, 13 locust posts at 50c,	6 50
Merrimac Budget, supplies,	7 85
J. A. Lancaster & Co., supplies,	2 88
William Sheys, painting Port school house,	71 15
Sheys and Carroll, labor,	19 25
J. C. Libby, labor and supplies,	26 43
Merrimac Budget, printing,	6 00
Prang Educational Co., supplies,	5 05
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	5 00
Edward E. Babb & Co., supplies,	10 25
Thorp & Martin Co., supplies,	5 60
Thompson, Brown & Co., supplies,	5 40
Hinds, Noble & Eldridge, supplies,	11 20
Ginn & Co., supplies,	59 07
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies,	3 85
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., supplies,	10 15
Maynard, Merrill & Co., supplies,	95
F. H. Trefethen, cleaning and repairs,	64 00
C. B. Martin, cleaning Bear Hill school house,	3 10
S. Scofield, taking school census,	15 00
Harry Carroll, setting glass,	2 00
H. C. Manning, new clock and cleaning clocks,	11 25
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	16 83
Geo. E. Chickering, miscellaneous expenses,	8 86
Edward Perkins Lumber Co., shingles,	131 25
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1 98
A. O. Nicol, wood,	5 00
Mrs. Edward Whaland, cleaning Prospect street school house,	15 00
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	2 04
Michael Connor, cleaning vaults at Bear Hill school house,	1 00
Bailey Sargent, insurance,	12 00
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., supplies,	56
William Morrow, cutting wood and trimming trees,	7 00
Little & Co., supplies,	1 00
Frank E. Tucker, supplies,	7 65

C. W. Chapman, repairs on Birch Meadow school house,	\$4 81	
Sargent Coal Co., wood,	20 50	
McGratty & Wheeler, windows,	23 04	
Bailey Sargent, insurance,	204 42	
A. O. Nicol, wood,	16 25	
J. E. Currier, lumber, etc.,	18 78	
W. W. Lydston, stove and supplies,	79 93	
Ellen Sargent, cleaning Merrimacport school-house,	8 00	
F. H. Trefethen, labor at Middle street school-house,	15 27	
F. C. Williams, labor,	2 05	
S. Scofield, labor and supplies,	23 49	
Geo. W. Sargent's Sons, wood,	21 00	
G. G. Davis, teaming,	50	
J. T. Gusha, sawing wood,	2 25	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	15 53	
H. C. Manning,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,836 31
Unexpended balance,		100 15
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		\$9,936 46

General appropriation,	\$8,425 00	
Superintendent of schools,	375 00	
Transportation of scholars,	200 00	
Received from State, education State children,	174 00	
State, acct. superintendent,	625 00	
County, dog tax,	137 31	
Pupils, acct. broken glass,	15	
	<hr/>	\$9,936.46

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

E. J. Whittemore, salary,	\$37 50	
Lilla M. Phelps, salary,	40 98	
Mary H. Head, salary,	23 75	
S. Blanche Cunningham, salary,	11 87	
Etta H. Colby, salary,	23 75	
C. B. Martin, janitor,	4 00	
A. Storrs & Bement Co., supplies,	3 15	
C. F. Winchester, supplies,	31 32	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies,	36 58	
J. L. Hammett & Co., supplies,	25 85	
D. C. Heath & Co., supplies,	4 75	
Ginn & Co., supplies,	46 39	
Silver, Burdett Co., supplies,	4 50	
E. E. Babb & Co., books,	20 00	
C. F. Winchester, supplies,	6 25	
American Book Co., books,	4 09	
Ginn & Co., supplies,	1 70	
Ginn & Co., books,	23 83	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	64 71	
	<hr/>	\$414 97
Balance unexpended,		1,518 78
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		\$1,933 75
Balance on hand February 1, 1904,	\$779 86	
Received January 27, 1905,	1,153 89	
	<hr/>	\$1,933 75

Through an error in the State Treasury Department, this town has received \$167.40 more than was due December 31, 1904, and this amount will be deducted from next year's distribution.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Merrimac, Mass., January 13, 1905.

To the School Committee :

In reviewing the record of the schools for the past year, I am impressed with the few changes that have been made in the corps of teachers, as compared with the number for the previous year. In January Miss Myrtle Colson resigned her position at the Port school and was succeeded by Mrs. Annie M. Sargent, a former valued teacher in our schools. At the close of the school year Miss Gertrude A. Hamlin of the Bear Hill school resigned her position to accept one in her own town, which home conditions rendered more attractive. Miss Hattie A. Baxter, who had taught Miss Colby's room at the Centre school during her year's absence from duty, was, in September, assigned to the Bear Hill school which she had taught the previous year. Mrs. M. Eva Robinson, the Supervisor of Music for several years, declined a re-election in September and Mr. W. E. Hartwell was elected to her position.

While there have been a few changes in the locations of teachers, there have been but two changes in the regular corps, and one of these brought a former efficient teacher back into the service a second time.

The work of the schools, under such conditions, ought to have been productive of especially good results, and it is plainly evident that such is the case.

Miss Maud H. Rose, who has supervised the special department of Drawing for several years, resigned at the close of the Fall term to accept a more lucrative and responsible position elsewhere. Miss Spofford has just been selected to fill her place. Miss Rose's report, as well as that of Mr. Hartwell, will be found on another page.

ATTENDANCE.

The record of attendance since September has been exceptionally good in the primary grades. This is partly due to the favorable weather with which we have been blessed; also to the absence of any contagious disease such as sadly interfered with one or more of the schools last winter. Notwithstanding the favorable conditions, I feel that there has been a special effort made this year to improve on the record of last year. The entire absence of opportunities for child labor in Merrimac keep an unusually large number of children in school above the age of 14 years, making our High school phenomenally large in numbers and correspondingly more expensive than in most towns of the same population where different conditions exist. Our ninth grade also contains a few pupils who seem to go to school because they have nothing else to do. The comparative freedom thus possessed by them, by reason of having passed the age of compulsory attendance, contributes not a little to the poor record of that school for attendance. The record for tardiness is good. There are comparatively few cases.

HIGH SCHOOL.

While I do not wish to anticipate or disagree with the principal of the High school, always intending to defer to his

experience and judgment in the detailed management of his school, I feel it my duty to raise the question as to whether the present plan of one session is conducive to the best results, either educationally or morally. I am very much inclined to believe that the principal of the school will make the same answer as myself. The main reason for one session of the High schools in other places is generally assigned to the great distance that the pupils have to travel, but this reason does not apply to the High school here any more than to the lower preparatory grades.

The objections to a single session are many. It interferes with the regular dinner hour which is almost universally twelve o'clock. If, however, in spite of this inconvenience in the homes of the pupils, the one session plan is more agreeable to the parents, I would say nothing further on this line, as it is a subject that concerns them most. The advantages are few, if any. Certainly no greater progress is made in the work of the school.

The principal of the school in his last year's report complained of the "prevalent social distraction of the pupils and consequent failure to do the necessary amount of home study." To what other cause can this be due than the opportunity furnished by a single session which gives the whole afternoon to the social side of life for such as choose to use it that way. Under such circumstances the school must remain secondary in the minds of the scholars. I have mentioned this subject in this report, not so much in the way of a recommendation for a return to the old two session plan as to awaken the minds of the parents to the condition of things at present and, if possible, to arouse them to action in insisting upon a closer attention to the legitimate work of the school out of school hours.

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

The Birch Meadow school has been continued this year the same as last year in accordance with the will of the town as expressed some three or more years ago. Perhaps a wise discretion should restrain me from discussing this subject or offering any suggestions in relation to it. A brief statement of existing facts may suffice. The building is small, almost an antique, and in constant need of repairs. There are about thirteen pupils, only three of which now attending can be truthfully said to be residents of the district, and at least one of these is desirous to attend the schools at the Centre if transportation could be furnished.

The town pays about \$300 annually for teaching service and fuel and receives about \$175 from the state for its charity wards. It would receive the same amount from the state and, I am told, as much more if they were transported to the Centre. At any rate, it is costing the town at least \$125 for teaching service and fuel, not including text books, supplies or repairs.

The parents who live in this neighborhood should look at the question from another point of view than that of economy, however. They should demand that their children have the best schooling that the town affords. Not a few have, and do now, look at it in that light.

TEXT BOOKS, SUPPLIES, ETC.

The text books and supplies have cost even less than last year, which fact I attribute to the extra care taken of them. While everything has been purchased that was actually needed we have bought nothing that could be termed educational luxuries, if such they are. There are some things in this line, however, that might well be supplied. Especially is this the case in the High school where a larger reference library is

needed. Fifty dollars a year would not be too much to devote to this purpose. The town library is useful to a certain degree, but for ready reference cannot be used when most needed, and, moreover, it does not contain just the books needed for High school use.

The furniture in Mr. Whittemore's room at the Centre school is hardly in taste with that seen in the homes here. It is not good enough for the children who attend the school. The floors of several of the rooms in the Centre building are badly worn—so much so that it is impossible to keep them clean. From a sanitary point of view they are as bad as can be imagined. In one of the lower rooms the cracks in the floor are so large as to permit of the ingress of cold air from below. There ought to be furnished a supply of town water for the use of the pupils and there is need of some kind of drainage. These are things that must come sooner or later. These and other sanitary arrangements are the natural sequence of good water and plenty of it. It can truly be said that, in the line of sanitary accommodations for the schools, nothing can be too good, and money expended for such will prove a profitable investment.

IN GENERAL.

Our teachers' meetings have been more frequent than last year but not as satisfactory as I could wish. Owing to the shortness of the days they had to be omitted in mid-winter.

The statistical part of this report will be found on another page.

In closing this report I wish briefly to give expression to my sorrow for the death of Rev. Mr. Ashley, and to my love and respect for him as a man. As chairman of the Committee he was unusually active in visiting the schools and at-

tending to their wants. By so doing he cultivated an intimacy with pupils, teachers and superintendent that was at all times very helpful. To me, personally, his companionship was a pleasure, and his unvarying sympathy an incentive to greater effort. So energetic was he in his official duties that it was difficult to realize him the victim of an incurable disease, and the news of his death came not only as a surprise to me, but in the nature of a blow to a friendship so recently but so firmly established.

For your uniform kindness, your courteous consideration and cordial co-operation, individually and collectively, I wish to thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. CHICKERING.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF HIGH SCHOOL.

To the Superintendent of Schools :

I submit herewith my fifth annual report on the progress and condition of the High school.

The work of the school has been essentially the same during the past year as in the preceding year. A class of 15 was graduated in June, and a class of 25 entered in September. The total registration for the present year is somewhat more than that of either of the two preceding years. The percentage of attendance has been fairly good. For the four months of the present year from September to Christmas, it was a little more than 96. It should have been more than this, yet most instances of absences were due to sickness. A few parents still persist in occasionally keeping their children out of school to work at home. When parents fully realize how much this injures the child, not so much in his immediate standing in his class as in his general interest in his work, we shall have fewer requests to excuse scholars for even a part of a day.

Of the forty graduates who have gone out from the school in the last three years, eight are now in various colleges, while several more are now in, or have been graduated from, Normal schools. Perhaps this is as large a percentage as should be expected to take College or Normal school work.

The majority of our scholars do not go to college nor is it likely that this will ever be the case. Hence it is desirable that our school, while giving adequate preparation for those who wish to go to college, shall be of the greatest value possible to those who go from graduation immediately to work.

To this end, the course of study needs further adjustment. For the benefit of many scholars, it needs to be made more flexible. It happens, more frequently than otherwise, that scholars enter the High school with no very well-defined plans for future work, and with no very clear conception of their own ability for High school work; hence when later they gain a clearer notion as to what they wish to do, and of what they can do, they find they are not pursuing the course that will be for their greatest advantage. As arranged now there is an objection, more or less serious, to transferring a scholar from one course to another, involving the substitution of work done in one prescribed course for that of another, although it may be equivalent. Yet it has been absolutely necessary to do this, or place the student at a serious disadvantage. Some remedy may be found, I think, by doing away with our present arrangement of four courses, so called, and adopting the "point" system of giving credit. This need not involve any very radical change in our program of studies, but can be made to allow of greater choice in the selection of subjects on the part of the individual scholar.

The arrangement of one session has been continued, but not with entire satisfaction. It certainly affords a better opportunity for the scholars to do the necessary home-study, and, at the same time, it gives a much desired opportunity in the afternoon for the teachers to do individual work with scholars that need assistance beyond that which they receive in the class. This last consideration I believe to be of the utmost importance. The chief, and perhaps the only, objec-

tion, from the standpoint of the school, to the one-session arrangement is the fact that a large percentage of our scholars, because of the very fact that they have so much time at their disposal for home-study, are tempted to waste it, and in fact many virtually throw away the whole opportunity. The complete remedy for this evil, and I consider it a very serious evil, will not be found in any arrangement of school sessions, but rests with the home. Unless the home influence in many cases becomes more positive and active for home-study, it may be well to apply whatever remedy there may be in the two-session arrangement.

The sanitary arrangements have always been unsatisfactory. Now that a supply of water is available, I would recommend that attention be given to this matter as soon as possible. Water is also needed in the building for drinking purposes and for use in the laboratory. The present supply is far from satisfactory.

Through the generosity of Mr. C. A. Lancaster, the following books have been added during the year to our reference library :

Bryce's "American Commonwealth." 2 vols.

Hart's "American History Told by Contemporaries."
4 vols.

Sparks' "The Men Who Made the Nation."

Green's "History of the English People."

Botta's "Handbook of Universal Literature."

Adams' "Dictionary of American Authors."

Fiske's "Myths and Mythmakers."

Bulfinch's "Age of Fables."

Harper's "Dictionary of Classical Literature and Antiquities."

Dana's "How to Know Wild Flowers."

This gift was along the line of one of our greatest needs, and has been especially appreciated by both teachers and pupils.

The school is in good condition, an excellent spirit prevails, and fairly satisfactory progress has been made along all lines of work. The average ability is I think, remarkably good, and there is a good degree of interest and ambition.

In conclusion I wish to say that the teachers are gratified at the earnest efforts of the pupils, and greatly appreciate the hearty co-operation of the school officials.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CUTTS.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING.

To the Superintendent of Schools, Merrimac, Mass.,

Dear Sir :—At the beginning of this, my last report, I wish to say that I have been much pleased with the work done in the schools during the past year. Teachers and pupils have cooperated to make the work the best of any year since I have had charge of the drawing.

Last fall, as I began the work for another year, I felt the need of a more definite knowledge of color and its application to the every day life of the children, outside of the school-room. I therefore incorporated more of this into the work for the present year.

The primary grades have taken up the study of the six spectrum colors in the first two grades, and of the intermediates in the third, much as in previous years. This has been followed in the grammar grades by the study of color harmony with exercises in the mixing of colors and the making of color scales. This work was applied to house decoration in the high school, and the pupils began the making of designs for such articles as rugs, wall-paper, sofa cushions and so forth.

The class in mechanical drawing made some plans for a simple house which gave them practice in architectural

drawing. We hoped that this might be carried out by the boys, who planned the actual building of the house, to be furnished by the class in design.

The committee have purchased some pottery for the high school which makes a valuable addition to the equipment of the drawing department.

It is with regret that I leave, with the plans for work, especially that in the high school, only partially carried out.

I wish to thank the committee, superintendent and teachers for their hearty cooperation and support during the five years which I have taught in Merrimac, and all others who helped to make my stay one of which I shall have only pleasant memories.

Respectfully submitted,

MAUDE H. ROSE,

Supervisor of Drawing.

Lewiston, Maine, January 13, 1905.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

To the Superintendent of Schools and honorable School Board of the Town of Merrimac, Mass. :

Gentlemen :—Having been but recently elected to the position of musical instructor in your schools, I find myself somewhat at a disadvantage in reporting upon the work. I think I can safely say, however, from knowledge of the standing in other towns and cities, that Merrimac is quite up to the average.

I found the technical knowledge of the children generally very good indeed, and so, while striving to keep them up to the standard in this direction, I have tried to work more particularly in the line of better tone production, and to create greater interest in the singing periods. I have generally had the assistance of the teachers in the furtherance of these objects to the best of their ability, without which very little can be accomplished in any direction.

I have greatly enjoyed my work in the Merrimac schools, having found the teachers agreeable and willing to accept any suggestions, and the pupils generally very much interested and eager to sing.

It is my aim that the children shall know the principles of reading ; shall have a greater love for good musical com-

position; shall more intelligently render their songs; and, above all, that their voice shall improve as they advance in years. With these points in view by supervisor and teachers, progress in the right direction is sure.

I would recommend the addition of small supplementary books in some grades, not to displace their music readers, but to give the children a greater variety of songs.

Respectfully,

WM. E. HARTWELL,

Teacher of Music.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

Mr. Geo. E. Chickering, Superintendent of Schools:

Your Truant Officer reports twenty visits during the year ending January 31, 1905.

Most respectfully yours,

S. SCOFIELD.

Merrimac, Mass., January 31, 1905.

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATES, 1904.

LEROY BOYNTON FRASER,	College Preparatory Course
HELEN ESTHER CROFUT,	Classical Course
KATHERINE GILMAN LITTLE,	Classical Course
HORTENSE LYDSTON,	Classical Course
LILLIAN MAY TRULL,	Classical Course
JOHN FOSTER WOODMAN,	Classical Course
LAURENCE BARRY,	Scientific Course
FREDERICK ELLSWORTH GIBBS,	Scientific Course
VIOLA EMILY GRO CUT,	Scientific Course
HERBERT LEWIS STORY,	Scientific Course
GERTRUDE LOUISE TRULL,	Scientific Course
MARY GERTRUDE BRADY,	English Course
RUFUS PHIPPS CLEMENT, JR.,	English Course
CARLTON HAM GASSETT,	English Course
GRACE FLORA STEVENS,	English Course

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

HIGH SCHOOL.

1905.

March 24—Winter term closes.

April 3—Spring term begins.

June 23—Spring term closes.

Sept. 5—Fall term begins.

Dec. 22—Fall term closes.

1906.

Jan. 2—Winter term begins.

SESSIONS—Every day, except Saturday, from 8 a. m. to 1.10 p. m.

LOWER SCHOOLS.

1905.

March 24—Winter term closes.

April 10—Spring term begins.

June 23—Spring term closes.

Sept. 5—Fall term begins.

Dec. 22—Fall term closes.

1906.

Jan. 9—Winter term begins.

SESSIONS—Every week day, except Saturday, from 8.45 to 11.45 a. m., and 1.30 to 3.30 p. m.

HOLIDAYS—For all schools. Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Washington's Birthday, Patriots' Day and Memorial Day.

NO SESSION SIGNAL.

Two blasts repeated twice at 7.30 a. m. means no session in the forenoon.

Two blasts repeated twice at 12.30 p. m. means no session in the afternoon.

STATISTICS.

Population of town, census of 1900,	2101
Number of schools in town, Sept. 1903 to June 24, 1904,	11
Number of teachers employed including special teachers,	15
Number of different teachers employed including specials and substitutes,	23
Number of children in town Sept. 1, 1903, between 5 and 15 years of age, per census,	354
Number of children in town Sept. 1, between 7 and 14 years of age, per census,	259
Whole number of pupils enrolled during the school year,	432
Number attending over 15 years of age,	58
Number attending between 7 and 14 years of age,	273
Number attending private school,	3
Average membership for the year,	384.49
Average attendance for the year,	350.89
Per cent. of attendance for the year,	91

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR SCHOOL YEAR, From September 1903 to June 24, 1904.

GRADE.	SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Teachers' Salaries per Month
	High	Charles W. Cutts, Principal, Mittie A. Dow, 1st Assistant, Susanna Sayre, 2d Assistant, E. J. Whittemore, Principal,	64	60.37	57.52	95.27	120.00
VIII-IX	Centre	Lilla M. Phelps,	50	48.59	44.44	91.45	45.00
VII-VIII	Centre	Mary H. Head,	44	42.79	40.33	94.25	40.00
V-VI	Centre	Hattie A. Baxter,	45	39.60	37.59	94.92	50.00
III	Centre	Marion W. Smith,	35	26.27	23.28	89.60	45.00
IV-V	Prospect St.	Sara S. Alley,	50	43.62	39.26	90.05	40.00
I-II	Prospect St.	S. Blanche Cunningham,	37	30.50	26.90	88.20	40.00
I-II	Middle St.	Annie M. Sargent,	47	31.00	27.00	87.09	40.00
I-VI	Port	Gertrude A. Hamlin,	25	22.03	19.30	87.60	35.00
I-VII	Bear Hill	Annie L. Hosford,	33	27.15	24.03	87.38	35.00
I-VI	Birch Meadow		14	12.57	11.24	89.40	30.00

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE, ETC., FOR FALL TERM ENDING DECEMBER 23, 1904.

GRADE.	SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Teachers' Salaries per Month
	High	Charles W. Cutts, Principal, Mittie A. Dow, 1st Assistant, Susanna Sayre, 2d Assistant, E. J. Whittemore, Principal,	69	67.67	64.99	96.04	120.00
VIII-IX	Centre	Lilla M. Phelps,	49	48.00	45.57	94.23	45.00
VII-VIII	Centre	Mary H. Head,	43	40.96	39.24	95.80	40.00
V-VI	Centre	Etta H. Colby,	44	42.79	40.43	94.50	40.00
III	Centre	Marion W. Smith,	31	29.63	28.82	97.28	40.00
IV-V	Prospect St.	Sara S. Alley,	42	41.50	39.48	95.15	40.00
I-II	Prospect St.	S. Blanche Cunningham,	30	27.81	26.93	96.95	40.00
I-II	Middle St.	Annie M. Sargent,	35	33.00	30.08	91.85	40.00
I-VI	Port	Hattie A. Baxter,	14	13.34	12.50	93.67	40.00
I-VII	Bear Hill	Annie L. Hosford,	29	22.81	20.33	89.10	35.00
I-VI	Birch Meadow		14	13.08	12.69	97.00	30.00

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

To the Citizens of Merrimac :

1904.

DR.

	To balance on hand as per last report,	\$35 33	
Apr.	Cash from sale of lot,	50 00	
May	“ “ John Heald, for grading,	7 00	
June	“ “ sale of lot,	25 00	
	“ “ “ lot,	50 00	
July	“ “ “ hay,	17 50	
Sept.	“ “ “ lot,	25 00	
Dec.	“ “ “ lot,	25 00	
	“ “ “ lot,	25 00	
	“ “ locust posts,	75	
	“ “ Sale of Bowker Insecticide,	2 50	
	“ “ mowing lots,	50	
		<hr/>	\$263 58

1904.

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Mar.	Cash paid Bowker Insecticide Co., In-		
	secticide,	\$5 25	
	“ “ For express on Bowker In-		
	secticide,	40	
Apr.	“ “ E. L. Hopkins, labor,	53	
	“ “ Wm. Morrow, labor,	2 60	
May	“ “ T. Grant, labor,	6 10	
	“ “ Sheehan and Hanlon, labor,	2 35	
	“ “ For two loads dressing,	2 00	
	“ “ Grass seed and teaming,	1 06	
	“ “ James Doyle, labor,	4 70	
	“ “ Wm. Morrow, labor,	7 50	
	“ “ C. R. Howe, labor,	7 30	

June	Cash paid J. T. Crosby, haying,	\$12 30	
July	“ “ Grant, Kittredge, Knox and helper,	14 35	
Oct.	“ “ J. Currier and Geo. Grant, grading Heald lot,	10 00	
	“ “ For teaming loam and man- ure,	5 00	
Nov.	“ “ Zenas Lovell & Co., grass- seed,	4 28	
	“ “ J. Currier, labor,	2 30	
	“ “ Merrimac Budget, printing,	1 25	
	“ “ Zenas Lovell & Co., grass- seed,	57	
	“ “ T. Grant, 8 hours labor,	1 60	
	“ “ Benjamin Mosier, trimming shrubbery,	4 00	
	“ “ J. Currier, 20 hours labor,	4 00	
	“ “ Geo. Grant, labor on gut- ters,	50	
	“ “ Geo. Grant, mowing lot,	25	
	“ “ Geo. Grant, labor,	50	
1905.			
Jan.	“ “ Trustees' expenses for mis- cellaneous work,	3 00	
	“ “ Superintendent, for clerical work on books, ac- counts, deeds, permits for burial, etc.,	5 00	
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		\$108 68	
	Deposit in First National Bank,	154 90	
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			\$263 58

Contingent fund in Merrimac Savings Bank, \$209.26.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. G. LARKIN, SUPT.	} Trustees.
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,	
CHARLES E. ROWELL,	

Trustees' Report of Funds for Perpetual Care of Lots by the Town.

Under Massachusetts Laws, Revised Statutes, 1902, Chap. 78. Sec. 24.

OF CEMETERIES AND BURIALS.

A town in which Cemetery Commissioners or Trustees are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for maintaining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury of said town and with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town; the town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any accompany them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the Selectmen and Commissioners or Trustees, and pay the income therefrom upon their order, or with their approval.

Eliza M. Sawyer fund for the care of the
T. C. Sawyer lot in Church Street Ceme-
tery, \$114.00, deposited in Merrimac Sav-
ings Bank.

Income to October dividend, 1904,		\$6 60
Expended by Trustees for dressing and labor,	\$1 50	
Paid Geo. A. Grant, lawn mowing,	1 50	
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		3 00
Available balance,		<hr/> \$3 60

Emily S. Goodwin fund for care of the Patten
Sargent lot in Lower Main Street Ceme-
tery, \$250.00, deposited in Merrimac Sav-
ings Bank.

Income to October dividend, 1904,		\$15 64
Expended by Trustees for dressing and labor,	\$3 80	
Paid M. W. Sargent, lawn mowing,	2 00	
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		5 80
Available balance,		<hr/> \$9 84

John L. and Sophia A. Merrill fund for the care of the John L. Merrill lot in Church Street Cemetery, \$200.00, deposited in the Merrimac Savings Bank.

Income to October dividend, 1904,		\$7 05
Expended by Trustees for dressing and labor,	\$1 75	
Paid Geo. A. Grant, lawn mowing,	1 50	
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		3 25
Available balance,		\$3 80

The income only can be used for the care of lots under this law.

GEO. G. LARKIN, SUPT.	} Trustees.
CHARLES E. ROWELL,	
CHAS. A. LANCASTER,	

CHURCH AND LOWER MAIN STREET CEMETERIES.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Merrimac :

1904.	DR.	
July	To cash received for hay,	\$8 50
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Jan. '05	By cash paid Clifton B. Heath, town treasurer,	\$8 50

MEMORANDUM.

1904.	CR.		
July	Theodore Grant, labor,	\$8 30	
•	George Kittredge, labor,	6 70	
	Paid by George G. Larkin, for labor,	5 20	
	Trustees' bill for team to Lower Cemetery,	50	
	Trustees' bill for stationery, postage and car-fare,	65	
	Trustees' bill for clerical work, burial permits, reports, etc.,	3 00	
	Superintendent, for calls, correspondence, etc.,	2 00	
		<hr/>	\$26 35
	DR.		
	To Selectmen's orders on town treasurer,		\$26 35

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE G. LARKIN,
 CHARLES E. ROWELL, } Trustees.
 CHAS. A. LANCASTER, }

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS
OF MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MERRIMAC, MASS., Feb. 1st, 1905.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Merrimac :

The Board of Engineers submit the following report for the year ending on this date.

There have been six alarms as follows :

MARCH 20.

Alarm from Box 13, for fire on Birch Meadow road in buildings owned by Willard B. Kelly, and was nearly a total loss. Cause unknown.

APRIL 6.

Alarm from Box 13, for brush fire on Red Oak Hill.

APRIL 23.

Alarm from Box 13, for brush fire at the Mason farm at Pond Hills.

JUNE 14.

Alarm from Box 12, for fire on Mill street in barn owned by the Co-Operative Bank. Damage slight. Cause, rats and matches.

OCTOBER 1.

Alarm from Box 12, for fire on Lancaster Court in building owned by Mr. Myer Stone. Cause supposed to have been rats and matches. Loss covered by insurance.

DECEMBER 1.

Alarm from Box 13, for fire at waiting station of the H. and A. St. Ry. Co. Loss slight. Cause, defective wires.

APPARATUS AT CENTRAL STATION.

The apparatus at the Central Station consists of one third class Amoskeag double pump steamer; one two-horse hose wagon, capacity 1200 feet; one four-wheel hand reel, capacity 600 feet; one hook and ladder truck; five chemical fire extinguishers; 2,300 feet of hose and all necessary tools and equipments in good order.

MERRIMACPORT STATION.

At the Merrimacport Station we have one Gleason & Bailey hand engine; one two-wheel hose reel, capacity 700 feet; two chemical fire extinguishers; with all equipments and tools in good order.

IMPROVEMENTS MADE DURING THE YEAR.

The Central Station has been painted outside and inside and the hall re-plastered and painted.

The steamer and hook and ladder truck have been re-varnished and the hose wagon painted and varnished.

A new crank shaft has been put in the steamer.

On account of the new water system we have had to purchase six new service pipes, hydrant connections, strainer and couplings for the steamer.

One set of new lead bars and a set of four-horse reins have been purchased.

Electric lights have been put in, new curtains hung in the steamer house and several other smaller improvements made.

The fire alarm system has been extended to Birch Meadow.

We have also purchased one second-hand four-wheel hand reel, carrying 600 feet of hose, which we consider a valuable addition to the department.

NEW FIRE GONG NEEDED.

We feel that we are badly in need of some kind of a fire gong, as the shutting down of the H. and A. power house has left us without any gong. Through the kindness of the Walker Carriage Co., we can use their whistle until we are able to do better. We hope the citizens will consider this matter at the annual town meeting as we deem it a matter of great importance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

We wish to thank the Walker Carriage Company for a donation of \$10.00, which we received from them in consideration of the services we rendered at the fire in their factory.

We also wish to thank Messrs. Charles A. Lancaster, Fred L. Parker, Charles E. Hoyt, Carlton C. Witham and the general public for their generous donations and the liberal manner in which they have helped us in all our undertakings during the past year.

We would also extend our thanks to Dr. F. E. Sweetsir for his generous offer of free medical attendance to all firemen injured at fires, whether it be for one week or one year; and to the local manufacturers for allowing them full time while in attendance at fires.

CONCLUSION.

In closing our second annual report we wish to extend to the officers and members of this department our sincere thanks for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties, also to the Board of Selectmen for their hearty co-operation in all matters tending to improve the department.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGUS McINNIS, Chief,	} Engineers.
J. W. BRADY, 1st Asst. and Clerk,	
LORENZO BLAISDELL, 2d Asst.	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number of births returned,	25
Males,	12
Females,	13
Fathers native born,	22
Mothers native born,	17
Fathers and mothers both native born,	17
Fathers and mothers both foreign born,	3

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded,	10
First marriage of groom,	9
First marriage of bride,	10
Grooms native born,	10
Brides native born,	9
Average age of groom, 25 years.	
Average age of bride, 23 years, 8 months, 12 days.	

DEATHS.

Number of deaths recorded,	37
Males,	18
Females,	19
Under 5 years,	7
Males native born,	14
Females native born,	17
Of native parentage,	27
Of foreign parentage,	6
Of mixed parentage,	4
Average age, 52 years, 1 month, 11 days.	
Oldest person, 98 years, 10 months, 6 days.	

DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed,	82
Males, 76 Females,	6

BAILEY SARGENT,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

During the past year the work of the tree warden has been carried on much the same as in previous years. The installation of electric lights in town has called for a larger amount of trimming of shade trees than usual, but in nearly every instance the trimming was badly needed and did no material injury. Considerable work has also been done in removing the nests of the brown tail moth from the trees about town. While this pest has not as yet gained any considerable foothold here it will be only with the utmost vigilance on the part of the tree warden and property owners at large that they can be kept out as the pest is very plenty on both sides of us. The pest can be kept out by hard work but once let them get a foothold here and it will be almost an impossibility to completely get rid of them. With a small appropriation each year for the setting out of new trees there are great possibilities in this department for the future beautifying of the town.

The total expenditures of this department for the past year amount to \$59.59.

Respectfully,

GILBERT G. DAVIS,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

To the Selectmen of Merrimac :

Gentlemen :—The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is as follows :

Glass jars,	400
Hay or coal scales,	4
Large platform scales,	7
Small scales, spring scales and balances,	14
Weights,	66

Received for sealing scales and weights,	\$9 88
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Paid Clifton B. Heath, Town Treasurer,	\$9 88
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EDWARD WYMAN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac :

Gentlemen— We have the honor of presenting to you the 29th annual report of the Merrimac Public Library.

The usefulness of the Library is attested by the increased circulation the past year, the number of volumes having been put in circulation being 11,383; an increase of 2,287 over the year 1903.

The average daily delivery has been 115 volumes, the largest in any one day being 200 volumes.

The following is the monthly delivery :—

February. 1904,	1,061	August, 1904	582
March, “	1,140	September, “	779
April, “	1,123	October, “	1,036
May, “	1,096	November, “	1,070
June, “	875	December, “	946
July, “	845	January, 1905,	830

The percentage of fiction, both adult and juvenile, was 79.5.

The additions of the year number 255 volumes; 218 by purchase, 33 presented by the U. S. Government and the Commonwealth, and 4 by private individuals.

92 volumes have been re-bound, including a file of the Merrimac Budget presented by the publisher, and 42 volumes have been purchased to replace worn out books.

The Congressional Record is received daily and can be found on file at the reading rooms.

The Library has been opened 98 times; as in the past two years it will continue to be opened on Saturdays in August, since the patronage proves that the interest of the readers holds good during the summer.

Two double book cases have been added during the past year, also a book shelf, holding about 250 volumes, which is conveniently placed, so that books may be examined by all, thus aiding many readers in making a selection. The privilege of examining books thus afforded is evidently much appreciated.

A folder containing a list of 200 books adapted to the younger readers has been prepared and can be obtained by application to the Librarian.

The Trustees request the usual appropriation of five hundred dollars.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. W. SAWYER,
JAMES F. PEASE,
HERBERT O. DELANO,
GEORGE E. RICKER,
WM. B. SARGENT,
THOMAS H. HOYT,

Trustees.

HERBERT O. DELANO, Secretary.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOR YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1905.

DR.

To Balance,	\$0 45	
Town appropriation,	500 00	
Rent 12 mos. '03, Whittier est.,	48 00	
Rent 5 mos. '04, Whittier est.,	20 00	
Rent 3 mos. '04, Whittier est.,	12 00	
Fines,	18 29	
Sale of Catalogues,	2 60	
Sale of Cards,	35	
Sale of coal to Water and Elec- tric Light Board,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$611 69

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By Books, 1903,	\$47 54	
Bocks, 1904,	190 49	
Librarian to Feb. 1, 1905,	200 00	
Binding books,	31 00	
Printing,	20 75	
Freight, express, postage, etc.,	19 52	
Coal and wood,	21 40	
Two book cases,	20 00	
One book shelf,	6 50	
One map of Essex County,	2 00	
Insurance "Whittier House,"	3 00	
Supplies,	11 58	
Care and repairs of awning,	1 60	
Magazines,	31 50	
Cash on hand,	4 81	
	<hr/>	\$611 69

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY OF MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY

From which income is derived.

The A. E. Goodwin fund, deposited in Merrimac	
Savings Bank. Amount of fund,	\$200 00
Interest to October, 1904.	21 90
	\$221 90
Real Estate, "James Whittier bequest,"	\$300 00

SARGENT HALL.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—The report of Sargent Hall is as follows :—

From January 31st, 1904 to January 31st, 1905, Sargent Hall has been opened 51 times.

Received for rent of hall,	\$160 00
Paid Town Treasurer, C. B. Heath,	\$160 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. BRIDGES,

Janitor.

Merrimac, Mass., Jan. 31, 1905.

POLICE REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

Gentlemen—I herewith submit the annual report of the Police department for the year ending Jan. 31st, 1905 :

Number of arrests,	15
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13 of which were made under the late Officer A. S. Nixon.

CHARGED AS FOLLOWS :

Character suspicious,	1	
Drunkenness,	4	
Drunk and fast driving,	1	
Forgery,	1	
Insane,	2	
Lewd conduct,	4	
Indecent and profane language,	2	
	—	15

Number of lodgers,	24
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Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. MINAHAN,

Chief of Police.

IN MEMORIAM.

ATWOOD SCOTT NIXON,

CHIEF OF POLICE.

BORN JULY 16, 1873.

DIED JULY 28, 1904.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OFFICERS.

R. H. Sargent, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	\$215 00
A. M. Colby, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	125 00
Wm. O. Smiley, selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor,	125 00
Bailey Sargent, town clerk,	50 00
Bailey Sargent, registrar,	30 00
C. B. Heath, town treasurer,	150 00
F. E. Sweetsir, school committee,	55 00
S. D. Ashley, school committee,	50 00
C. A. Lancaster, school committee,	50 00
J. S. Clement, collector of taxes,	300 00
C. E. Rowell, registrar,	15 00
J. T. Locke, registrar,	15 00
F. F. Philbrick, registrar,	15 00
J. J. Woodman, cattle inspector,	50 00
A. S. Nixon, chief of police,	87 50
A. S. Nixon, night watchman,	326 00
J. J. Minahan, chief of police,	87 50
J. J. Minahan, night watchman,	376 00
J. W. Grocut, special police,	26 00
C. O. Libby, special police,	24 25
F. O. Bailey, special police,	25 00
C. E. Welch, "Old Home Week" police,	5 00
A. W. Sawyer, "Old Home Week" police,	5 00
D. F. Tibbetts, special police,	3 00

Edward Wyman, sealer of weights and measures,	\$15 00	
E. G. Bly, moderator, three meetings,	13 00	
T. W. Keough, election officer,	6 00	
A. L. Baxter, " "	12 00	
C. B. Heath, " "	6 00	
H. W. Haskell, " "	6 00	
Martin Crane, " "	6 00	
E. D. George, " "	3 00	
Willie Colby, " "	6 00	
A. M. Colby, " "	3 00	
R. H. Sargent, " "	6 00	
W. O. Smiley, " "	3 00	
J. Henry Ollis, " "	3 00	
Henry M. Goodwin, " "	3 00	
O. W. Jordan, " "	3 00	
T. L. Goodwin, " "	9 00	
F. C. Grant, auditing accounts,	25 00	
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Appropriation,	\$1,900 00	
Due from State, account of cattle inspector,	25 00	
Overdrawn,	413 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,338 25

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Angus McInnis, salary as engineer, ,	\$25 00
L. B. Blaisdell, salary as engineer,	25 00
J. W. Brady, salary as engineer and clerk,	30 00
J. W. Brady, postage,	1 35
J. C. Libby, stock and labor,	29 53
Bion Green, freight on steamer,	30 40
Chester Carter, steward Gen. McClellan,	42 00
American Express Co.,	8 60
Preble Bros., oil and supplies,	20 88
I. B. Little Co., paint, etc.,	70 12
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	105 94
Charles A. Howe, superintendent of fire alarm and supplies,	54 54
C. E. Little, hauling truck,	7 50
J. C. Tapin, labor,	4 20
A. C. Loud, stove,	3 00
John Donahue, labor and stock,	106 37
American Locomotive Works, repairs on steamer,	131 07
Ernest Amerault, labor,	4 00
C. H. Fellows, supplies,	4 80
A. O. Nicol, hauling truck,	5 00
Chase, Parker Co., supplies,	6 00
Hanscom Hardware Co.,	4 20
James Dickens, labor on fire alarm,	44 26
James Dickens, wiring hall and stretching wire to Birch Meadow,	129 00
Merrimac Budget, printing,	8 00
J. A. Lancaster & Co., stock and labor on hose wagon,	8 50

J. E. Currier, lumber,	\$35 25	
Angus McInnis, freight on hose reel and ex- penses,	17 67	
J. H. Murphy, plating,	10 29	
C. E. Sturges, supplies,	3 25	
F. S. Hardwick, stock,	75	
Henry K. Barnes, supplies,	11 25	
Coombs & Gilbert, supplies,	10 00	
Pettingell, Andrews & Co., supplies,	9 20	
D. D. Chase Lumber Co., lumber,	30 23	
Battie Zinc Works, supplies,	23 00	
Boston Coupling Co., supplies,	55 20	
Town of Ayer, hose reel,	40 00	
Richard Finn & Son, painting hose wagon,	35 00	
W. S. Tuckwell, labor,	75	
F. C. Williams, repairs,	1 00	
Geo. W. Sargent's Sons, wood,	1 25	
Merrimac Electric Light Works, light,	6 21	
W. W. Lydston, labor and supplies,	6 93	
F. L. Parker, supplies,	1 15	
M. J. Travers, labor,	26 65	
B. B. Wood, hauling truck,	26 00	
G. G. Davis, team,	75	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	1 18	
Nat. L. Howe, labor and supplies,	18 51	
Charles A. Howe, labor and supplies,	8 77	
F. H. G. Chase, labor on sash,	2 25	
W. H. Emerson, hauling steamer,	5 00	
R. H. Sargent, hauling steamer,	10 50	
I. H. Pendergast, team to Kelley fire,	6 00	
C. E. Rowell,	1 51	
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STEAMER CO. NO. 1, SALARY AND OVERTIME.

W. H. Boothroyd, engineer,	\$67 50
C. O. Libby, assistant engineer,	42 78
F. Wiggin, stoker,	44 50
J. P. Flynn, steward,	118 00
D. F. Tibbetts,	16 75
J. W. Grocut,	18 00

C. Doonan,	\$16 75	
A. W. Boynton,	20 75	
H. E. Hoyt,	18 00	
M. J. Blaisdell,	18 00	
W. H. Scanlon,	14 25	
A. W. Goodwin,	17 50	
W. H. Barlow,	19 00	
A. Hegg,	19 25	
J. Foisey,	10 50	
F. J. Rhodes,	5 00	
G. W. Handley,	5 00	
F. A. Simonds,	2 50	
E. S. McConnell,	1 25	
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HOOK AND LADDER CO.

A. W. Coombs,	\$17 50	
H. Bonnar,	17 75	
John Donahue, steward,	21 00	
W. H. Rogers,	16 00	
W. Carter,	16 00	
S. C. Bridges,	16 00	
A. Simmons,	14 30	
W. A. Barbeau,	16 00	
A. Coombs,	1 45	
F. Hall,	5 25	
M. Travers,	16 00	
H. Morgan,	10 75	
Thomas Keough,	16 00	
George D. Currier,	15 50	
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GENERAL MC CLELLAN FIRE ASSOCIATION.

F. H. G. Chase,	\$3 20	
Wm. Dalrymple,	2 50	
F. Bailey,	3 58	
R. J. Eaton,	3 90	
C. A. Carter,	3 90	
W. S. Tuckwell,	2 95	
J. Welch,	2 85	
J. W. Bailey,	2 25	

Lewis Bailey,	\$3 20	
Ben Carter,	3 20	
Herbert Bailey,	2 88	
J. W. Currier,	3 20	
J. Colman,	3 20	
H. Evans,	2 85	
H. Gilday,	3 88	
W. C. Greeley,	3 90	
H. Hughes,	3 55	
W. O'Connell,	3 90	
C. Richardson,	3 20	
L. Y. Stevens,	3 20	
L. J. Whittier,	1 80	
I. A. Williams,	2 95	
Thomas Greeley,	2 85	
H. Ordway,	60	
Geo. Eaton, extra man at fire,	1 75	
A. Colman, " "	1 40	
W. Webster, " "	1 40	
Eben Bailey, " "	1 40	
G. H. Gilday, " "	1 40	
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		\$2,071 28
Appropriation,	\$2,000 00	
Overdrawn,	71 28	
	<u>\$2,071 28</u>	

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid Clifton B. Heath, Treasurer,	\$500 00	
Bailey Sargent, insurance,	56 40	
	<u>\$556 40</u>	
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Overdrawn,	56 40	
	<u>\$556 40</u>	

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT.

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George Sargent.		
A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,	\$7 00	
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Caroline Johnson.		
A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,	16 00	
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Ann Waining.		
Mrs. K. C. Haselton, board 57 weeks,	171 00	
Mrs. K. C. Haselton, shoes and clothing,	5 00	
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H. O. Blaisdell.		
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	4 48	
Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,	6 63	
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Joseph E. Liberty.		
Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,	1 75	
Little & Co., supplies,	50	
Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,	5 52	
Edward Wyman, shoes,	2 95	
O. Sargent, moving and car fare,	8 80	
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Michael Burke.		
Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,	53 35	
Titcomb Bros., provisions,	41 51	
Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,	29 35	
W. B. Kelly, milk,	13 74	
A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,	3 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	1 00	
Edward Wyman, shoes,	1 85	
Mitchell & Co., blankets,	1 25	
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Mrs. Otis Gray.		
T. Monroe Sargent, board,	170 00	
A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,	5 00	
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Hannah Allison.

W. G. Thompson, board,	\$13 50	
O. S. Currier, board,	5 00	
Wm. Trudeau, board,	63 25	
A. H. Pierce, medical attendance,	28 00	
Mrs. E. M. Ordway, nursing,	25 00	
Merrimac Public Library, rent,	13 34	
Edward Wyman, shoes and rubbers,	2 60	
Little & Co., supplies,	1 75	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	50	
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Charles and Lydia Goodwin.

Preble Bros., groceries,	23 01	
Titcomb Bros., provisions,	5 96	
Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,	9 21	
Merrimac Savings Bank, rent,	7 80	
A. P. Ordway, milk,	2 10	
Little & Co., supplies,	3 29	
T. L. Goodwin, supplies,	3 25	
Mrs. George F. Colby, nursing,	10 00	
A. H. Peirce, medical attendance,	2 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	45	
J. B. Heath & Son, burial,	27 00	
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Mrs. J. Doyle.

Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,	48 22	
Titcomb Bros., provisions,	28 40	
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	3 63	
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James Barlow.

Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,	42 00	
Titcomb Bros., provisions,	14 22	
W. B. Kelly, milk,	18 82	
Mrs. Abbie C. Howe, rent,	32 00	
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Mrs. L. A. Kendrick.

Mrs. Lucy B. Bailey, board,	150 00	
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William Kelly.

H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	7 00	
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John E. Handley,		
Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,	\$45 12	
Sargent Coal Co., wood and coal,	12 78	
	<hr/>	\$57 90
Ernest Brown,		
Mrs. F. Pettigrew, board,	24 00	
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Howard F. Parker,		
Treasurer of City of Haverhill, board,	43 21	
St. Mary's Infant Asylum, board,	34 00	
Expense of taking child to asylum,	2 80	
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Mrs. F. Pettigrew,		
Mrs. Isabel M Eagan, nursing,	15 00	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	4 50	
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Fred H. Parker,		
Hale Hospital, care and nursing,	108 00	
Charles W. Pease, medical attendance,	3 00	
Expense of moving,	8 70	
Mrs. M. Parker, care and board,	70 00	
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Mrs. Cordelia Geoffroy,		
Anna Jaques Hospital, care and nursing,	48 58	
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Mrs. Geo. F. Mason,		
John Sylvester, groceries,	25 97	
Geo. French, rent,	15 00	
Roscoe H. Morrill, wood and coal,	9 75	
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		\$1,611 39
Appropriation,	\$1,100 00	
Due from State on account of J. E. Liberty,	19 52	
Due from Amesbury, account of Charles		
Goodwin,	27 31	
Due from Haverhill, account of Ernest Brown,	24 00	
Overdrawn,	440 56	
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Joseph Addison,		
Town of Wenham, relief,	\$52 00	
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Otis Currier and Wife,		
W. F. Thompson, board,	30 00	
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	7 26	
Titcomb Bros., provisions,	11 94	
E. S. Whitney, supplies,	1 70	
Merrimac Public Library, rent,	54 66	
I. H. Pendergast, at funeral,	3 00	
L. J. Kittredge, washing,	4 65	
Little & Co., supplies,	4 87	
Zenas Lovell & Co., groceries,	12 71	
J. B. Heath & Son, funeral supplies,	33 50	
Mrs. Geo. Lane, board, 43 weeks at \$2.00,	86 00	
Mrs. Geo. Lane, supplies, clothing, etc.,	22 35	
Expenses to Portsmouth,	5 50	
F. L. Parker, medicine,	1 30	
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George Brown,		
Preble Bros., groceries,	30 00	
Sargent Coal Co., coal,	10 88	
Bailey Sargent, rent,	25 00	
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Mrs. Rebecca S. Jones,		
J. B. Heath & Son, burial expenses,	31 63	
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		\$428 95
Unexpended,		75 09
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		\$504 04
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Received from Zenas Lovell & Co., on account		
of J. Doherty state aid unexpended,	4 04	
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

APRIL PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 80 hours at .22 1-2	\$18 00
G. G. Davis, team 75 hours at .30	22 50
G. G. Davis, horse 30 hours at .10	3 00
Geo. Kittredge, 72 1-2 hours at .20	14 50
Wm. Morrow, 6 hours at .20	1 20
Fred Johnson, 2 hours at .20	40
C. C. Witham, 26 hours at .20	5 20
C. C. Witham, team 3 hours at .30	90
C. C. Witham, horse 5 hours at .10	50
F. O. Bailey, 30 hours at .20	6 00
W. H. Emerson, 9 1-2 hours at .20	1 90
W. H. Emerson, team 3 hours at .40	1 20
C. D. Trull, 4 1-2 hours at .20	90
G. Grant, 1 1-2 hours at .20	30
N. Crofut, 8 hours at .20	1 60
L. Miner, 11 hours at .20	2 20
G. W. White, 16 hours at .20	3 20
J. D. Jones, 75 hours at .20	15 00
L. B. Blaisdell, 6 hours at .20	1 20
L. B. Blaisdell, team 16 hours at .20	3 20
E. F. Goodwin, 83 hours at .20	16 60
R. H. Sargent, team 55 1-2 hours at .40	22 20
D. C. Bunker, 62 1-2 hours at .20	12 50
B. H. Battis, 21 1-2 hours at .20	4 30

	\$158 50

MAY PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 120 hours at .22 1-2	27 00
G. G. Davis, team 127 1-3 hours at .30	38 20
J. J. Woodman, 15 hours at .20	3 00

Geo. Kittredge, 5 hours at .20	\$1 00	
L. E. Miner, 12 hours at .20	2 40	
J. H. Gusha, 59 hours at .20	11 80	
John Handley, 15 hours at .20	3 00	
E. F. Goodwin, 89 1-2 hours at .20	17 90	
H. Carter, 2 1-2 hours at .20	50	
L. B. Blaisdell, team 9 1-2 hours at .40	3 80	
H. Goodwin, 49 hours at .20	9 80	
J. T. Crosby, team 40 hours at .40	16 00	
J. T. Crosby, 2 loads of loam	2 50	
J. D. Jones, 79 hours at .20	15 80	
D. C. Bunker, 123 hours at .20	24 60	
W. H. Emerson, team 20 hours at .40	8 00	
W. Morrow, 69 hours at .20	13 80	
F. O. Bailey, 9 1-2 hours at .20	1 90	
Hanscom Bros., bill	8 85	
I. B. Little Co., bill	85	
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JUNE PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 122 hours at .22 1-2	27 45	
G. G. Davis, team 92 hours at .30	27 60	
Chas. Martin, 3 hours at .20	60	
Ed. Emerson, 3 hours at .20	60	
J. D. Jones, 18 1-2 hours at .20	3 70	
J. Tapin, 5 hours at .20	1 00	
W. Morrow, 103 hours at .20	20 60	
D. C. Bunker, 185 hours at .20	37 00	
E. F. Goodwin, 155 hours at .20	31 00	
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JULY PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 47 hours at .22 1-2	16 65	
G. G. Davis, team 77 hours at .30	23 10	
E. F. Goodwin, 56 1-2 hours at .20	11 30	
F. E. Wiggin, 10 hours at .20	2 00	
J. T. Crosby, team 14 hours at .40	5 60	
J. Shebaski, 5 hours at .20	1 00	
W. Morrow, 5 hours at .20	1 00	
J. Tapin, 22 hours at .20	4 40	
B. B. Wood, team 10 hours at .40	4 00	

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J. D. Jones, 30 hours at .20	\$6 00	
Geo. Kittredge, 25 hours at .20	5 00	
L. B. Davis, 4 1-2 hours at .20	90	
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AUGUST PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 104 hours at .22 1-2	23 40	
G. G. Davis, team 107 1-3 hours at .30	32 20	
M. Connor, 8 1-2 hours at .20	1 70	
D. C. Bunker, 20 hours at .20	4 00	
Geo. Kittredge, 118 1-2 hours at .20	23 70	
W. Morrow, 107 1-2 hours at .20	21 50	
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SEPTEMBER PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 142 hours at .22 1-2	31 95	
G. G. Davis, team 157 hours at .30	47 10	
Geo. Kittredge, 133 hours at .20	26 60	
J. W. Currier, 30 hours at .20	6 00	
J. D. Jones, 77 1-2 hours at .20	15 50	
W. H. Emerson, team 126 1-2 hours at .40	50 60	
E. F. Goodwin, 15 hours at .20	3 00	
D. C. Bunker, 15 hours at .20	3 00	
L. B. Blaisdell, team 38 hours at .40	15 20	
L. B. Blaisdell, 5 hours at .20	1 00	
F. O. Bailey, 19 hours at .20	3 80	
G. A. Grant, 3 1-2 hours at .20	70	
G. W. White, 43 hours at .20	8 60	
D. Stevens, 75 hours at .20	15 00	
W. Morrow, 135 1-2 hours at .20	27 10	
T. Grant, 105 hours at .20	21 00	
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OCTOBER PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 130 hours at .22 1-2	29 25	
G. G. Davis, team 85 2-3 hours at .30	25 70	
J. J. Woodman, 42 1-2 hours at .20	8 50	
F. H. G. Chase, 63 hours at .20	12 60	
C. Howe, 7 hours at .20	1 40	
R. H. Sargent, team 52 1-2 hours at .40	21 00	
Geo. Kittredge, 100 hours at .20	20 00	
J. T. Crosby, team 30 hours at .40	12 00	

J. T. Crosby, 20 hours at .20	\$4 00	
W. Morrow, 14 hours at .20	2 80	
D. Stevens, 10 hours at .20	2 00	
W. Stevens, 8 hours at .20	1 60	
C. A. Stevens, 10 hours at .20	2 00	
C. A. Stevens, team 2 1-2 hours at .30	75	
J. D. Jones, 70 1-2 hours at .20	14 10	
L. B. Blaisdell, 56 1-2 hours at .20	11 30	
L. B. Blaisdell, team only, 69 1-2 hours, at .20	13 90	
G. W. White, 69 1-2 hours at .20	13 90	
H. O. Blaisdell, 5 hours at .20	1 00	
G. H. Gilday, 10 hours at .20	2 00	
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NOVEMBER PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 44 hours at .22 1-2	9 90	
G. G. Davis, team 58 hours at .30	17 40	
H. Goodwin, 6 hours at .20,	1 20	
G. Grant, 19 hours at .20	3 80	
W. Morrow, 33 hours at .20	6 60	
L. B. Blaisdell, team 9 hours at .40	3 60	
G. W. White, 9 hours at .20	1 80	
E. C. Little, team 23 hours at .40	9 20	
Geo. Kittredge, 115 hours at .20	23 00	
M. Bailey, 19 hours at .20	3 80	
W. Thompson, 20 1-2 hours at .20	4 10	
J. D. Jones, 31 1-2 hours at .20	6 30	
W. W. Gormley, bill	8 20	
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J. E. Currier, lumber, cement and drain pipe	44 32	
C. L. Waterhouse, work in connection with State highway	50 00	
A. W. Sargent, cedar posts	11 00	
F. Hardwick, pole for road machine	2 50	
F. W. Libby, railing	8 80	
Hanscom Hardware Co., plow points	1 50	
F. C. Williams, jobbing	4 25	
Zenas Lovell & Co., shovels, lanterns and oil	9 00	
B. H. Battis, breaking paths	2 50	
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BRIDGE AT DUCKHOLE.

E. W. Roberts, labor	84 73	
J. E. Currier, cement and lumber	24 30	
T. Grant, 18 hours at .20	3 60	
J. D. Jones, 19 hours at .20	3 80	
J. Handley, 38 hours at .20	7 60	
C. Howe, 19 hours at .20	3 80	
R. H. Sargent, teaming and labor	40 40	
W. O. Smiley, labor, stone and supplies	13 40	
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		\$1,596 55

Appropriation,	\$1,500 00	
Due from the State on account of State high-		
way,	25 00	
Overdrawn,	71 55	
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STREET LIGHTS.

E. S. McKay, care of lights,	\$265 00	
Globe Gas Light Co., supplies,	5 00	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	191 14	
Preble Brothers, supplies,	5 43	
W. W. Lydston, repairing lamps,	4 90	
Wm. Trudeau, care of lamps,	75	
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Unexpended,		230 28
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		\$702 50
Appropriation,	\$700 00	
Due from Frank Anderson,	2 50	
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SNOW AND WASHOUT.

FEBRUARY PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 170 hours at .22 1-2	\$38 25
G. G. Davis, horse 138 hours at .10	13 80
A. O. Nicol, team 31 1-2 hours at .40	12 60
W. Goldsmith, 15 hours at .20	3 00
L. Crofut, 10 hours at .20,	2 00
N. Crofut, 23 hours at .20	4 60
T. Grant, 45 hours at .20	9 00
W. H. Emerson, team 78 1-2 hours at .40	31 40
Ed. Emerson, 22 1-2 hours at .20	4 50
E. C. Martin, 11 hours at .20	2 20
E. W. Morse, 43 hours at .20	8 60
Edson Walker team 20 1-4 hours at .40	8 10
Edson Walker, 14 1-2 hours at .20	2 90
M. Blotner, 12 1-2 hours at .20	2 50
R. Whalen, 1 1-2 hours at .20	30
H. Evans, 24 hours at .20	4 80
L. B. Blaisdell, team 53 1-2 hours at .40	21 40
L. B. Blaisdell, 7 hours at .20	1 40
W. White, 50 hours at .20	10 00
H. Gilday, 52 hours at .20	10 40
F. O. Bailey, 14 1-2 hours at .20	2 90
D. Jones, 71 hours at .20	14 20
F. Thurlow, 19 hours at .20	3 80
C. F. Lockwood, 4 hours at .20	80
R. E. Finn, 5 hours at .20	1 00
F. L. Heath, 28 hours at .20	5 60
W. Merrill, 18 hours at .20	3 60
A. L. Baxter, 3 hours at .20	60
D. McKay, 10 hours at .20	2 00
T. F. Goodwin, 37 hours at .20	7 40

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H. Goodwin, 15 1-2 hours at .20	\$3 10
Donahue, 14 hours at .20	2 80
I. H. Pendergast, team 8 3-4 hours at .40	3 50
J. Cahill, 4 hours at .20	80
E. R. Bartlett, 30 hours at .20	6 00
C. D. Trull, 38 hours at .20	7 60
F. H. Ollis, 2 hours at .20	40
U. Trull, 4 hours at .20	80
W. Marble, 8 hours at .20	1 60
D. Griffin, 25 hours at .20	5 00
W. Stevens, 20 1-2 hours at .20	4 10
C. A. Stevens, 50 hours at .20	10 00
W. E. Shey, 22 hours at .20	4 40
G. A. Follansbee, 8 hours at .20	1 60
D. H. Willis, 26 hours at .20	5 20
Grocut, 2 1-2 hours at .20	50
F. A. Morse, 3 hours at .20	60
F. H. Rhodes, 6 1-2 hours at .20	1 30
Wm. Trudeau, 40 hours at .20	8 00
Wm. Trudeau, team 6 hours at .10	60
L. B. Davis, 41 1-2 hours at .20	8 30
W. W. Sargent, 62 hours at .20	12 40
George Kittredge, 138 1-2 hours at .20	27 70
D. C. Bunker, 122 hours at .20	24 40
C. R. Ford, 14 hours at .20	2 80
M. Connor, 36 hours at .20	7 20
E. F. Goodwin, 127 hours at .20	25 40
Wm. Morrow, 123 hours at .20	24 60
A. N. McDonald, 46 hours at .20	9 20
G. F. Kendrick, 32 1-2 hours at .20	6 50
J. A. Reynolds, 10 hours at .20	2 00
E. L. Hopkins, 75 hours at .20	15 00
R. H. Sargent, team 65 1-2 hours at .40	26 20
R. H. Sargent, 5 hours at .20	1 00
F. H. Golin, 7 hours at .20	1 40
A. W. Sawyer, 37 hours at .20	7 40
F. E. Wiggin, 78 1-2 hours at .20	15 70
L. Green, 1 hour at .20	20
J. P. Flynn, 4 hours at .20	80
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	\$519 75

MARCH PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 92 hours at .22 1-2	\$20 70
G. G. Davis, team 8 hours at .30	2 40
G. G. Davis, horse 20 hours at .10	2 00
M. Travers, 26 hours at .20	5 20
J. T. Crosby, 38 hours at .20	7 60
R. H. Sargent, team 5 hours at .40	2 00
R. Oaks, 5 hours at .20	1 00
H. Carter, 5 1-2 hours at .20	1 10
D. C. Bunker, 30 hours at .20	6 00
F. L. Heath, 20 hours at .20	4 00
Wm. Morrow, 49 1-2 hours at .20	9 90
E. F. Goodwin, 54 hours at .20	10 80
T. F. Goodwin, 10 hours at .20	2 00
G. W. White, 11 1-2 hours at .20	2 30
H. Gilday, 12 1-2 hours at .20	2 50
D. Jones, 39 hours at .20	7 80
L. B. Blaisdell, 9 1-2 hours at .20	1 90
L. B. Blaisdell, team 4 hours at .40	1 60
D. Morrison, 7 hours at .20	1 40
F. P. Bailey, 36 hours at .20	7 20
F. H. G. Chase, 16 hours at .20	3 20
H. M. Ordway, 15 hours at .20	3 00
W. W. Sargent, 16 1-2 hours at .20	3 30
L. B. Davis, 8 1-2 hours at .20	1 70
J. P. Flynn, 3 hours at .20	60
E. L. Hopkins, 10 hours at .20	2 00
Fred Simmons, 3 hours at .20	60
W. P. Knight, 6 1-2 hours at .20	1 30
C. A. Stevens, 24 1-2 hours at .20	4 90
W. Stevens, 5 1-2 hours at .20	1 10
L. Miner, 11 hours at .20	2 20
C. E. Hoyt, team 22 hours at .40	8 80
C. E. Hoyt, 12 hours at .20	2 40
B. B. Wood, team 10 hours at .40	4 00
W. E. Sargent, 43 hours at .20	8 60
J. Shebaski, 20 hours at .20	4 00
J. Garavanta, 50 hours at .20	10 00
I. M. Gould, 47 hours at .20	9 40
H. Moser, 4 hours at .20	80

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L. Linden, 10 hours at .20	\$2 00
C. W. Miles, 42 1-2 hours at .20	8 45

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DECEMBER PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 20 hours at .22 1-2	4 50
G. G. Davis, team 18 hours at .30	5 40
G. G. Davis, 4 hours at .20	80
E. Labrie, 5 hours at .20	1 00
Geo. Kittredge, 11 hours at .20	2 20
Wm. Morrow, 8 1-2 hours at .20	1 70
L. B. Davis, 10 1-2 hours at .20	2 10
D. Jones, 6 1-2 hours at .20	1 30
L. B. Blaisdell, team 9 hours at .40	3 60
G. W. White, 3 hours at .20	60
U. Trull, 30 hours at .20	6 00

29 20

JANUARY PAY ROLL.

G. G. Davis, 56 hours at .22 1-2	12 60
G. G. Davis team 83 3-4 hours at .30	25 10
A. O. Nicol, team 8 hours at .40	3 20
G. W. Sargent's Sons, 42 hours at .20	8 40
I. M. Gould, 3 3-4 hours at .20	75
W. Sargent, 3 hours at .20	60
J. J. Woodman, 14 hours at .20	2 80
T. Grant, 22 hours at .20	4 40
B. B. Wood, team 20 hours at .40	8 00
L. D. Kennett, 17 hours at .20	3 40
B. H. and G. H. Battis, 12 hours at .20	2 40
B. H. and G. H. Battis, team,	80
C. Gilliard, 8 hours at .20	1 60
F. Noone, 10 hours at .20	2 00
J. T. Crosby, 2 1-2 hours at .20	50
J. T. Crosby, team 5 hours at .40	2 00
Wm. Morrow, 32 hours at .20	6 40
Geo. Kittredge, 72 hours at .20	14 40
E. F. Goodwin, 35 1-2 hours at .20	7 10
B. Carter, team 4 1-2 hours at .40	1 80
C. Noyes, 2 hours at .20	40
F. L. Heath, 13 hours at .20	2 60

J. H. Foster, 17 hours at .20	\$3 40
E. Webster, 8 hours at .20	1 60
L. Bailey, 8 hours at .20	1 60
G. H. Gilday, 7 hours at .20	1 40
H. O. Blaisdell, 6 hours at .20	1 20
G. W. White, 13 hours at .20	2 60
L. B. Blaisdell, 2 hours at .20	40
L. B. Blaisdell, team 30 hours at .40	12 00
H. Gilday, 20 hours at .20	4 00
J. W. Hughes, 8 hours at .20	1 60
C. Carter, 8 hours at .20	1 60
F. P. Bailey, 8 hours at .20	1 60
F. H. G. Chase, 2 hours at .20	40
C. E. Colman, 6 1-2 hours at .20	1 30
J. W. Currier, 8 hours at .20	1 60
F. Allison, 5 1-2 hours at .20	1 10
H. Evans, 13 hours at .20	2 60
D. Jones, 34 hours at .20	7 80
W. F. Thompson, 35 hours at .20	7 00
F. McInnis, 8 hours at .20	1 60
C. Pease, 8 1-2 hours at .20	1 70
J. Oxley, 8 1-2 hours at .20	1 70
H. Goodwin, 10 hours at .20	2 00
W. W. Sargent, 26 1-2 hours .20	5 30
D. M. Stevens, 12 1-2 hours at .20	2 50
W. Stevens, 14 1-2 hours at .20	2 90
C. A. Stevens, 18 1-2 hours at .20	3 70
Edson Walker, 3 hours at .20	60
Edson Walker, team 8 1-4 hours at .40	3 30
C. E. Hoyt, 1 1-2 hours at .20	30
C. E. Hoyt, team 8 1-2 hours at .40	3 40
C. E. Hoyt, team 4 hours at .30	1 20
H. Morse, 2 hours at .20	40
M. Collins, 9 hours at .20	1 80
F. Mayo, 9 1-2 hours at .20	1 90
F. E. Wiggin, 20 hours at .20	4 00
W. G. Kelley, 15 hours at .20	3 00
Ed. H. Emerson, 3 hours at .20	60
W. H. Emerson, team 26 hours at .40	10 40
W. H. Emerson, team 11 hours at .60	6 60

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J. Stimpson, 63 1-2 hours at .20	\$12 70	
L. B. Davis, 13 1-2 hours at .20	2 70	
G. Follansbee, 6 3-4 hours at .20	1 35	
C. F. Lockwood, 12 hours at .20	2 40	
A. D. Lockwood, 7 hours at .20	1 40	
D. Willis, 12 hours at .20	2 40	
R. H. Sargent, 15 hours at .20	3 00	
R. H. Sargent, team 71 1-4 hours at .40	28 50	
W. Goldsmith, 8 hours at .20	1 60	
O. W. Burke, 17 hours at .20	3 40	
	<hr/>	283 40
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		\$1,014 10

No Appropriation.

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS.

A. H. Saltmarsh, concreting	\$236 70	
E. W. Roberts, labor	11 50	
G. G. Davis, 44 hours at .22 1-2	9 90	
G. G. Davis, team 40 hours at .30	12 00	
D. C. Bunker, 17 1-2 hours at .20	3 50	
E. F. Goodwin, 30 hours at .20	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$279 60
Appropriation	\$200 00	
Received and due from abutters	74 93	
Overdrawn	4 67	
	<hr/>	\$279 60

MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENT.

Merrimac Budget, printing reports, etc.,	\$163 25
Merrimac Budget, book of selectmen's orders,	13 00
Merrimac Budget, check lists, blanks and war- rants,	62 75
F. C. Williams,	10 25
E. D. George, keys for town office,	1 00
C. A. Bridges, care of hall and tramps for un- expired term,	24 60
C. A. Bridges, care of hall,	94 50
C. A. Bridges, care of tramps,	25 00
C. A. Bridges, care of clock and selectmen's office,	25 00
J. C. Libby, putting up booths three times,	4 50
Mrs. E. W. Smart, postage and box rent,	11 25
George L. Briggs, Treasurer's bond,	35 00
Carter Ink Co., ink,	75
H. H. Story, telephoning, stationery and Col- lector's book,	10 15
M. Connor, cleaning vault,	2 00
Clifton B. Heath, blank notes, postage and tel- ephoning,	6 49
D. W. Gould, blankets for lockup,	6 50
Allen Brothers, police badges,	6 00
William Reed & Sons, police supplies,	24 10
J. E. Currier, lumber for sign and bookcases,	2 08
James Dickens, light and batteries,	2 10
Hill, Smith & Co., books for town treasurer,	10 50
S. F. Nason, charcoal for town hall,	3 25
Treasurer Old Home Week, decorating town hall,	15 00

I. H. Pendergast, teams to police,	\$5 50	
W. O. Smiley, labor on bookcase and sign,	3 90	
American Express Co.,	80	
Susie Hutchins, copying valuation book,	10 00	
Sargent Coal Co., coal for Sargent hall,	57 50	
Richard Finn & Son., painting signs,	30	
E. W. Roberts, furnishing and setting curb stone,	25 00	
E. W. Roberts, labor on watering trough,	9 55	
W. C. Bennett, stock and labor “	3 93	
O. Sargent, teaming and labor “	4 84	
O. Sargent, taking up lamps and lamp posts,	9 66	
Merrimac Water Works, piping for trough,	3 00	
J. E. Muldoon, labor on lockup stove,	2 90	
Bailey Sargent, insurance on Sargent hall,	93 55	
G. E. Ricker, postage and box rent,	1 75	
J. B. Heath, return of deaths,	7 50	
T. H. Hoyt, legal advice,	10 00	
W. B. Kelly, labor at forest fire,	63	
G. N. Goodwin, stationery,	90	
A. H. Pierce, return of births,	1 50	
F. E. Sweetsir, return of births,	4 50	
F. H. Hargraves, supplies to prisoners,	2 15	
G. G. Davis, team for police,	1 50	
A. S. Nixon, court fees,	23 73	
Zenas Lovell & Co., oil and supplies for hall,	21 04	
John Donahue, furnishing and setting glass,	1 16	
Bailey Sargent, recording births, marriages and deaths,	23 05	
John J. Minahan, serving warrants,	14 40	
R. H. Sargent, expense to Boston and Ayer,	6 20	
C. W. Muzzey, dinners for Insurance Com.,	3 00	
G. G. Larkin, labor and material in cemetery,	11 35	
T. Grant, labor in cemetery,	8 30	
George Kittredge, labor in cemetery,	6 70	
C. O. Libby, court fees,	6 28	
	<hr/>	\$945 09
Unexpended,		88 29
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		\$1,033 38

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Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Received for rent of Sargent hall,	160 00	
Received from First National Bank, rent,	225 00	
E. W. Roberts, well cover,	3 00	
Sealer of weights and measures,	10 88	
Pool licenses,	6 00	
Sale of grass in cemeteries,	8 50	
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals,	20 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1,033 38

COURT FEES.

Received from the Court,		\$93 00
Paid A. S. Nixon,	\$3 28	
C. O. Libby,	6 28	
J. J. Minahan,	5 40	
Unexpended,	78 04	
	<u> </u>	\$93 00

STREET SPRINKLING.

Paid E. H. Emerson, labor on piping,	\$10 00	
W. H. Emerson, sprinkling,	100 00	
	<u> </u>	\$110 00
Appropriation,	100 00	
Overdrawn,	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$110 00

TREE WARDEN.

PAY ROLL FOR APRIL.

G. G. Davis, 11 hours at .22 1-2	\$2 38	
G. G. Davis, team, 6 hours at .30	1 80	
J. J. Woodman, 12 1-2 hours at .20	2 50	
F. O. Bailey, 6 hours at .20	1 20	
E. F. Goodwin, 10 hours at .20	2 00	
		\$9 88

PAY ROLL FOR JUNE.

G. G. Davis, 32 hours at .22 1-2	7 20	
G. G. Davis, team, 8 hours at .30	2 40	
E. F. Goodwin, 30 hours at .20	6 00	
D. C. Bunker, 30 hours at .20	6 00	
		21 60

PAY ROLL FOR AUGUST.

G. G. Davis, 15 hours at .22 1-2	3 38	
G. G. Davis, team, 10 hours at .30	3 00	
Geo. E. Kittredge, 20 hours at .20	4 00	
		10 38

PAY ROLL FOR OCTOBER.

G. G. Davis, 33 hours at .22 1-2	7 43	
George Kittredge, 16 1-2 hours at .20	3 30	
J. J. Woodman, 35 hours at .20	7 00	
		17 73
		\$59 59

No appropriation.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid C. A. Bridges,	\$75 00
Appropriation,	\$75 00

STATE AND MILITARY AID.

STATE AID FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1905.

George Brown,	\$72 00	
Elizabeth W. Currier,	48 00	
Clarissa J. Frye,	48 00	
Mary L. Foss,	16 00	
George A. Grant,	48 00	
Harriet O. Grant,	48 00	
M. Ellen Hall,	48 00	
Mary A. Hughes,	24 00	
Margaret Handley,	48 00	
Charles B. Hunkins,	72 00	
Stephen D. Kennett,	72 00	
Lydia A. Kennett,	48 00	
Jeremiah Mahoney,	72 00	
Adeline Noyes,	24 00	
William F. Martins,	45 00	
Emma J. Heath,	48 00	
Nathan J. Spofford,	48 00	
Moses Stevens,	48 00	
Mary E. Stevens,	48 00	
Cynthia C. Simmons,	36 00	
Ariannah S. White,	48 00	
Emily E. Tibbetts,	16 00	
John Jenkins,	48 00	
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MILITARY AID.

Edward C. Tibbetts,	\$72 00	
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STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK.

Valuation of Real Estate,	\$997,625 00
Valuation of Personal Property,	269,065 00
Valuation of Resident Bank Stock,	43,500 00
Valuation of Non-Resident Bank Stock,	81,500 00
Number of persons assessed on property,	626
Number of persons assessed for poll-tax only,	331
Number of dwelling houses,	543
Number of horses,	191
Number of cows,	267
Number of swine,	8
Neat cattle other than cows,	73
Total tax assessed,	\$24,044 22
Rate of taxation per thousand,	18 00
County tax,	1,335 89
State tax,	1,050 00
State highway tax,	78 00

NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid Balance of Note of Oct. 30, 1903,	\$5,500 00	
Note of November 24, 1903,	2,000 00	
Note of January 11, 1904,	5,000 00	
Note of March 23, 1904,	2,500 00	
Note of April 25, 1904,	2,500 00	
Note of May 24, 1904,	5,000 00	
Note of June 22, 1904,	400 00	
Note of June 27, 1904,	5,000 00	
Note of Feb. 16, 1901, account of Middle street school house,	500 00	
Note of Feb. 16, 1901, account of ma- cadamizing Main street,	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$28,900 00
Paid Interest, Note of Oct. 30, 1903,	\$211 31	
Interest, Note of Nov. 24, 1903,	67 50	
Interest, Note of Jan. 11, 1904,	131 25	
Interest, Note of Mar. 23, 1904,	51 88	
Interest, Note of Apr. 25, 1904,	31 17	
Interest, Note of May 24, 1904,	46 75	
Interest, Note of June 22, 1904,	1 07	
Interest, Note of June 27, 1904,	13 33	
Interest, Notes of Feb. 16, 1901, account of school house and Main street,	68 63	
	<hr/>	\$622 89

INTEREST ON ELECTRIC LIGHT BONDS.

Paid Interest Coupons due Jan. 15, 1905,	\$210 00	
Coupon No. 4 outstanding,	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$220 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Note of August 25, 1904,	\$5,000 00	
Note of October 5, 1904,	5,000 00	
Note of November 3, 1904,	5,000 00	
Notes of Feb. 16, 1901, acct. of Macadamizing Main street,	2,000 00	
Notes of Feb. 16, 1901, acct. of Middle street school house,	1,000 00	
Accrued interest,	188 02	
Outstanding bills, (estimated)	203 23	
Outstanding orders,	112 40	
	<hr/>	\$18,503 65

ASSETS.

Due from State, State - Mil'ty Aid,	\$1,145 00	
" " Cattle Inspector,	25 00	
" " State Highway,	25 00	
" " Acct. Jos. Liberty,	19 52	
Due from City of Haverhill,	24 00	
Uncollected taxes, John S. Clement,	5,496 70	
Cash on hand,	3,294 02	
Mass. school fund,	1,518 78	
	<hr/>	\$11,548 02
Debt February 1st, 1905,		6,955 63
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		\$18,503 65

R. H. SARGENT,	}	Selectmen
A. M. COLBY,		of
W. O. SMILEY,		Merrimac

RECAPITULATION.

Department.	Appropriation.	Received from Other Sources.	Expended.	Unexp'd	Overdr'n
Schools, Supt. of Schools, Conveyance of Pupils,	\$8,425 00 375 00 200 00	State, Account of State Children, \$174 00 State, Acct. of Supt., 625 00 County, for Dog Tax, 137 31 Pupils, account of broken glass, 15	\$9,836 31	\$100 15	
Soldiers' Relief, Poor,	500 00 1,100 00	Rec. on acct. of J. Doherty, 4 04 Rec. from Amesbury, 27 31 Due from City of Haver- hill, 24 00 Due from State, 19 52	429 95 1,611 39	75 09	\$440 56
Fire, Highway, Sidewalks and Crossings,	2,000 00 1,500 00 200 00	Due from State, 25 00 Received and due from abutters, 74 93	2,071 28 1,596 55 279 60		71 28 71 55 4 67
Public Library, Town Officers,	500 00 1,900 00	Due from State, account of Cattle Inspector, 25 00	556 40 2,338 25		56 40 413 25
Memorial Day, Interest, Interest on Electric Light Bonds	75 00 350 00		75 00 554 26		414 26
Discount, Snow and Washout, Court Fees, Tree Warden, Street Lights,	700 00 No Approp'n No Approp'n No Approp'n 700 00	Rec. from the Court, 93 00	210 00 785 27 1,014 10 14 96 59 59 472 23		85 27
				227 78	

Notes and Interest for Main street Macadam- izing, and High school building repairs, Miscellaneous,	1,068 63 600 00	Rec. for rent of hall, Rec. from Bank for rent, Rec. from E. W. Roberts, Rec. from Sealer of Weights and Measures, Pool licenses, Sale of grass, Rec. from Mass. Society P. C. A.,	160 00 225 00 3 00 10 88 6 00 8 50 20 00	1,068 63 945 09	88 29
	100 00			110 00	10 00
Sprinkling,					
Total,	\$20,293 63	\$1,662 64	\$24,029 85	\$491 31	\$1,567 24

JURY LIST.

List of names to be voted on for Jurors at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, March 6th, 1905.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.
Richard Bailey,	Merrimac st.,	Carriage Trimmer
Lorenzo B. Blaisdell,	Merrimac st.,	Farmer
Ezra G. Bly,	Church st.,	Shoemaker
Edgar W. Deal,	Vendome st.,	Book-keeper
Abram L. Baxter,	Pleasant st.,	Carriage Bodymaker
Charles E. Drew,	Church st.,	Retired
Roswell J. Eaton,	Merrimac st.,	Plater
Everett D. George,	Church st.,	Water Commissioner
T. Livingston Goodwin,	Church st.,	Merchant
D. Warren Gould,	Main st.,	Harnessmaker
Lawson W. Howe,	Forest st.,	Woodworker
Charles H. Hughes,	Merrimac st.,	Woodworker
Oliver W. Jordan,	School st.,	Shoemaker
James C. Libby,	Pleasant st.,	Contractor
Edwin C. Little,	Main st.,	Farmer
George A. Ordway,	High st.,	Retired
Ralph H. Sargent,	Main st.,	Ice Dealer
Thomas W. Sheridan,	Main st.,	Salesman
Richard R. Sorenson,	Main st.,	Woodworker
Charles E. Williams	Pleasant st., Port,	Woodworker
Joseph W. Nichols,	Forest st.,	Woodworker
Harry A. Pease,	Nichols st.,	Carriage Trimmer
Arthur C. Sargent,	Main st.,	Carriage Trimmer
Willis H. Scott,	Forest st.,	Woodworker

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

W. C. RUSSELL, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

DR.

To Uncollected Taxes, February 13,
1904,

\$451 59

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By Cash paid Clifton B. Heath,
Treasurer,

\$35 20

By Abatements,

416 39

\$451 59

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 11, 1905.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JOHN S. CLEMENT, COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT
WITH THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

DR.

To Tax List 1904,	\$24,044 42	
Additions,	12 00	
Re-assessments,	28 80	
Excise Taxes,	287 92	
Sidewalks,	74 93	
Uncollected Taxes, 1899, 1900 and 1901,	72 65	
Uncollected Taxes, 1902,	1,221 22	
Uncollected Taxes, 1903,	3,488 82	
Due from Firemen,	61 29	
	<hr/>	\$29,292 05

CR.

By Cash paid Town Treasurer,	\$22,512 08	
Discounts,	785 27	
Abatements, 1902,	145 33	
Abatements, 1903,	22 60	
Abatements, 1904,	235 68	
Mrs. Wilson's taxes,	9 31	
Re-assessments,	27 90	
Uncollected Taxes, 1902,	109 75	
Uncollected Taxes, 1903,	1,643 87	
Uncollected Taxes, 1904,	3,743 08	
Due from Firemen,	57 18	
	<hr/>	\$29,292 05

UNCOLLECTED TAX LIST FEB. 14, 1905.

	1902.	1903.	1904.
Carville,	\$3 40	\$3 60	\$3 60
Currier, J. E.	40 00	425 18	417 26
Currier, J. E., sidewalk,			19 35
Heath, A. bal.	46 37	18 92	15 77
McNannie, Mrs.	19 98	21 15	21 15
Bailey, M. bal.		10 80	15 05
Bailey, L. M.		23 60	23 15
Bailey, F. P. bal.		7 03	10 55
Battis, B. H.		22 16	19 73
Beauvais,		10 10	10 10
Blackburn,		38 00	38 00
Blaisdell, J. L.		24 41	28 55
Burke, O. W. bal.		19 75	22 43
Burns,		2 00	2 00
Baptist Society,		32 40	32 40
Carter, F. W.		20 63	21 71
Carroll, Mrs.		21 15	21 15
Colby, J. W.		31 52	32 33
Colby, G. F.		2 00	2 00
Collins, M. C.		2 00	2 00
Coombs, A. H.		2 81	
Connor est.,		17 64	17 64
Connell, Mrs.		32 40	32 40
Evans, Mrs. est.,		7 65	7 65
Farrington, F. B.		14 15	2 90
Farra,		10 55	10 55
Foster, J. H.		17 03	17 84
Gould, I. M.		36 83	36 38
Gunnison, Geo. est.,		14 85	14 85
Heath, G. L. est.,		37 80	37 80
Howe, N. L.		20 00	20 00
Hoyt, Mrs.		24 30	24 30
Hunt est.,		10 80	10 80

Handley, J. E.	\$2 00	\$2 00
LaBrie,	15 50	15 50
McNannie,	9 20	9 20
Morse, E. W.	57 44	59 42
Pettigrew est.,	8 10	8 10
Patten, J.	5 60	2 00
Rowell est.,	50 10	80 10
Rollins,	5 40	5 40
Riley est.,	34 20	34 20
Sargent, W. P. est.,	33 30	33 30
Smith, H. O.	19 10	19 10
Sheys, W. E.	8 30	8 30
Stoyle,	22 70	22 70
Sullivan, D. F.	34 40	
Sargent, S. L.,	8 55	8 55
Travers, M.	16 40	16 40
Trembla,	20 00	20 00
Tuckwell, C. H.	24 68	23 60
Willis, D. H., bal.	5 35	10 55
Witham,	30 08	31 43
Webster, A. M.	12 80	12 80
Thompson, L. G.	51 71	32 67
Tibbetts est.,	11 00	11 00
Bagley, T.	90	90
Colburn, E. S.	4 05	4 05
Davis est.,	17 55	17 55
Howe, H. M.	50 40	50 40
Lyons, Mrs.	3 15	3 15
Murphy, Mrs. J. W.	5 85	5 85
Neal, A. J.	4 05	4 05
Nichols, J. A. est.	3 60	3 60
Oakes, J. est.,	4 50	4 50
Peaslee, R.	9 00	9 00
Sargent, H. W.	5 40	5 40
Sargent, O. E.	5 40	5 40
Stone, M.	17 10	17 10
Williams, W. S. est.,	25 20	25 20
Williams, W. S. est., sidewalk,	15 00	
Iroquois Club,	3 60	3 60

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1904.			
Allison, I. R.	\$2 18	Libby,	\$16 40
Allison, W. S.	2 00	Little,	60 59
Allison, Mrs. est.	12 60	Linden,	16 40
Bartlett, E. R.	2 00	Lynde,	40 70
Battis, G. H.	5 06	C. B. Martin,	2 00
Battis, J. W.	2 00	Morrell, Mrs. D. F.	90
Beal, A. D.	27 00	Miles,	26 03
Carroll, F. S.	2 00	Moran,	2 00
Carter, B. F.	2 00	Morse est.	134 10
Copp, Fred C.	2 00	Morse, W. H.	2 00
Chase, F. H. G.	2 63	Nicol, bal.	5 46
Colman, Mrs.	22 50	Noyes, C. H. 2d,	2 00
Coombs, P. R.	18 20	Noyes, Mrs. C. W.	5 40
Crosby, A. B.	2 00	O'Brien,	2 00
Cheney, Mrs.	45 90	Parker, F. E.	2 00
Currier, J. W.	2 00	Patten, Mrs.	3 60
Currier, O. S.	2 00	Poore, Mrs.	147 60
Day, E.	2 63	Poyen est.,	140 40
Delano,	183 62	Sargent, G. W. est.	18 00
Doyle, J.	2 00	Scanlon, W. H.	2 00
Farrington, est.	32 58	Sheridan heirs,	12 60
Finn, W.	43 85	Tapin,	2 00
Fitzgerald,	2 00	Tuttle, R.	2 00
Goldsmith, W. H.	2 00	Welch, J. T.	2 00
Gilday, G. S. H.	2 18	Woodburn,	2 00
Golden, H.	2 00	Thompson, Mrs. M. W.	66 78
Gormley, bal.	5 40	Thompson, Mrs. M. W.	22 23
Greeley, W.	18 02	Bangs, M. P.	19 80
Greeley, Mrs	2 25	Brady, Mrs. P.	22 50
Hargraves,	26 30	Bucklin,	90
Harrington, F. E.	11 00	Brown,	5 40
Harrington, F. G.	2 00	Capen,	10 80
Hamergren,	2 00	Cheney, bal.	4 77
Holt, J.	2 00	Dow, Mrs.	14 40
Hunt,	2 00	Donahue, Mrs.	7 20
H. & A. St. Ry. Co.,	602 10	Hall, H. S.	3 60
Hume,	2 00	Hoyt, Mrs. N. S.	3 60
J. & D.,	32 76	Hannan,	14 40
Lee, R. R.	2 00	Kimball, G. W.	6 30
		Merriam,	16 20

Morse, W. L.	\$16 20	True, F. B.	\$ 90
Morrill, R. C.	9 00	Social Club,	3 60
Prescott, J. H.	22 95	Hennessey, H. S.	3 15
Porter, C. B.	8 10	Garfield,	90
Rose,	5 40	Brown, Mrs. J. S.	10 80
Sargent, Mrs.	25 20	Coburn, A. A.	14 40
Sargent,	3 60	Berwick, J. R.	3 60

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CLIFTON B. HEATH, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH
THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

1904.	DR.	
Feb. 15	Cash on hand,	\$1,950 04
19	Town of Amesbury,	106 25
Mar. 1	City of Haverhill,	41 49
23	Town note,	2,500 00
April 4	C. L. Ayers, court fees,	5 00
8	Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	5 00
25	Town note,	2,500 00
May 11	Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	8 00
24	Town note,	5,000 00
June 14	Selectmen, pool licenses, etc.,	6 00
15	Mass. S. P. C. A., acct. of fountain,	20 00
22	Town note,	400 00
27	Town note,	5,000 00
July 16	Zenas Lovell & Co., acct. of John Doherty,	4 04
Aug. 8	Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	60 00
25	Town note,	5,000 00
Oct. 6	Town note,	5,000 00
Nov. 3	Town note,	5,000 00
Dec. 7	E. W. Roberts, well cover,	3 00
7	Water Board, expense of preliminary water investigation and pumping test,	2,344 12
10	Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	15 00
1905.		
Jan. 17	Cemetery Trustees, sale of hay,	8 50

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Feb. 10	Treasurer Commonwealth of Massachusetts,		
	Account State Paupers,	\$29 80	
	Cattle Inspector,	25 00	
	Corporation Tax,	1,181 45	
	National Bank Tax,	154 29	
	State and Military Aid,	1,074 00	
	Street Railway Tax,	213 27	
	First National Bank, rent,	225 00	
	C. A. Bridges, acct. Sargent hall,	160 00	
	Edward Wyman, Sealer,	10 88	
	Town of Amesbury,	27 31	
	Interest on deposit,	26 58	
	William C. Russell, Collector,	35 20	
	John S. Clement, Collector,	22,512 08	
		<hr/>	\$60,651 30

LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

1904.			
July 15	Merrill, Oldham & Co., proceeds from sale of Light Bonds,	11,000 00	
	Merrill, Oldham & Co., premium on Light Bonds,	603 79	
	Municipal Light Board,	400 61	
		<hr/>	12,004 40

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

1904.			
May 5	School Committee, account broken window,	15	
June 15	Thompson, Brown & Co., bill refunded,	5.25	
Aug. 15	Treasurer Commonwealth of Massachusetts, account of Education of State Children,	174 00	
1905.			
Jan. 23	Treasurer Commonwealth of Massachusetts, account of Superintendent of Schools,	625 00	
Feb. 1	Treasurer of Essex County, dog tax,	137 31	
		<hr/>	941 71
			<hr/>
			\$73,597 41

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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By paid Treasurer of Commonwealth of Massachusetts account Corporation		
Tax,	\$30 75	
State Tax,	1,050 00	
National Bank Tax,	1,379 69	
Repairs on State Highway,	78 00	
County Tax,	1,335 89	
Notes and Interest,	29,732 89	
State and Military Aid,	1,145 00	
Selectmen, Miscellaneous Orders,	11,632 63	
School Committee Orders,	9,833 56	
Municipal Light Board Orders,	14,088 73	
Cash on hand,	3,290 27	
	<u> </u>	\$73,597 41

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

DR.

Eliza M. Sawyer Fund,	\$114 00	
Balance of interest unexpended,	3 60	
	<u> </u>	\$117 60
Emily S. Goodwin Fund,	250 00	
Balance of interest unexpended,	9 84	
	<u> </u>	259 84
John L. and Sophia A. Merrill Fund,	200 00	
Balance of interest unexpended,	3 80	
	<u> </u>	203 80
		<u> </u>
		\$581 24

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Balance per books 4119, 4149 and 4205, Merri-	
mac Savings Bank,	\$581 24

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL FUND.

1904		DR.		
Feb. 15	Balance on hand,		\$779 86	
1905				
Jan. 26	Rec'd from Treas. of Commonwealth		<u>1,153 89</u>	\$1,933 75
		CR.		
	By Paid orders of School Committee,		\$414 97	
	Balance on deposit in First National Bank,		<u>1,518 78</u>	\$1,933 75

MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY.

		DR.		
	To Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1904,		\$0 45	
	Received Selectmen's orders,		568 00	
	Received from H. O. Delano, Sec'y,		<u>43 24</u>	\$611 69
		CR.		
	By Paid orders of Library Trustees,		\$606 88	
	Balance on deposit in First National Bank,		<u>4 81</u>	\$611 69

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON B. HEATH, Treasurer.

Merrimac, Mass., February 15, 1905.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Assessors, Selectmen, Tax Collector, School Department, Light Department and Treasurer for the fiscal year ending January 31, 1905, and find them all to be correct.

The statement below is the amount of orders drawn, paid and outstanding as shown by the books.

Balance Orders outstanding last report,		\$186 61
Total Orders drawn this year :		
Selectmen,	\$46,310 64	
School Dept.,	9,841 56	
Light Dept.,	14,088 73	
	<hr/>	70,240 93
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		\$70,427 54
Paid by Treasurer for orders of last year,	\$186 61	
Orders drawn for bills of this year and paid :		
Selectmen,	46,198 24	
School Dept.,	9,833 56	
Light Dept.,	14,088 73	
	<hr/>	\$70,307 14
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Memorandum of Orders not in :		\$120 40
No. 65,	\$100 00	
No. 89,	90	
No. 90,	11 50	
No. 95, (School Dept.)	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$120 40

W. C. Russell, collector, has collected \$35.20 on Tax list of 1893, 1894 and 1895, and the Selectmen have abated the balance, \$416.39.

Vouchers are on file for all bills paid, except for No. 95 of \$8.00 in the School department, and I hereby certify that the accounts are correct.

HARLAND G. LITTLE, Auditor.

Merrimac, Mass., February 15, 1905.

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